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NEW CABINET APPROVED

Veteran KMT Liberal As Vice-Premier

Pirate Suspect Has Smallpox

The 34-year-old woman, alleged to be the cousin and a lieutenant of Tam Mui, the Lau Fau Shan pirate chief, had been transferred to the Lanchow Infectious Diseases Hospital, suffering from smallpox.

The woman was shot and captured by the Police on May 5 when she attempted to shoot at a Police party scouring the valleys on Lau Fau Shan.

She was admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on the same day suffering from a suspected fractured arm, and had been an inmate of that hospital until last Friday when symptoms of smallpox were discovered.

Communist Purge In Hong Kong?

A sensational report that a foreign Consul-General of "one of the great democratic countries" has been instructed to purge his Hong Kong office of Communist elements was published in Kuomintang-controlled "National Times" yesterday.

The Chinese Journal added that similar instructions have been received by Consular offices of the same nation in other parts of the world.

The local Consul-General, said the newspaper, has been advised to register particulars of each employee in his office. Several employees, added the publication, have already been discharged.

JAPANESE PERMITTED TO TRADE IN STERLING

Britons Fight Jews

Tel Aviv, May 30. A Jewish spokesman today alleged that no British officers, identified as Major Hankin and Major Newman, of the Arab Legion's Third Regiment, were now commanding forces in one sector of the Jerusalem front. The spokesman hinted that Britain is supplying arms to the Legion for the Jerusalem attack and rejected the British assertion that "very few" British officers are taking an active part in the Legion's invasion of Palestine.—United Press.

XUAN GOES HOME FRUSTRATED

French-educated Lieutenant-General Nguyen Van Xuan, President of the Provisional Government of Cochinchina, returned to Saigon on Sunday temporarily frustrated in his attempts to obtain the support of Indo-Chinese political leaders exiled in Hong Kong and Canton.

Of the 21 ministers in his proposed Central Government of Vietnam, he found only seven candidates in Hong Kong and Canton willing to accept portfolios, reliable Annamite sources told the "China Mail" yesterday.

Most of the leaders suggested by General Xuan to fill the

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Posts For Young China Party

Nanking, May 31.

The Central Political Council of the Kuomintang, at a special conference this morning under the presidency of President Chiang Kai-shek, unanimously approved the new Cabinet lineup as presented by the Premier, Dr. Wang Wen-hao.

The formation of the Cabinet was finalized last night after Dr. Wang had conferred with President Chiang for the seventh time since he was appointed the Premier, and was completed after protracted delays caused by the refusal of several who had been invited to take office.

Major changes include the veteran Kuomintang Liberal, Mr. Ku Meng-yu, as Vice-Premier and the 60-year-old author and publisher, Wang Yun-wu as Minister of Finance.

After steadfastly refusing the appointment, Mr. Ku agreed to join the Cabinet on receipt of a personally written appeal from President Chiang Kai-shek, to help the nation to overcome the crisis.

The new finance minister is well known in Britain, which he visited as a member of the Chinese Goodwill Mission to Britain in 1945. He was vice-premier in General Chiang Chun's Cabinet.

The full Cabinet list, as approved by the Central Political Council, is as follows:—

Vice-Premier, Mr. Ku Meng-yu, Minister of Finance, Mr. Wang Yun-wu, Minister of Defence, General Ho Ying-chin, Minister of Food, Mr. Kwan Chi-yu, Minister of Education, Mr. Chu Chia-hao, Minister of Foreign Affairs, Mr. Wang Shih-chieh, Minister of Communications, Mr. Yu Tai-wel, Minister of the Interior, Mr.

Chang Li-sheng, Minister of Land Administration, Mr. Li Ching-chai, Minister of Audit, Mr. Hsu Kan, Minister of Social Affairs, Mr. Ku Cheng-kang, Minister of Water Conservancy, Mr. Hsueh Tu-pi, Minister of Justice, Mr. Hsieh Kwan-sheng, Minister of Health, Mr. Y. T. Tsur, Director of the National Resources Commission, Mr. Su Yueh-chi.

Director of Mongolian and Tibetan Affairs Commission, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, former ambassador to Japan.

Director of the Overseas Chinese Affairs Commission, Mr. Liu Wei-chih.

Ministers without portfolio: Mr. Lei Cheng and Dr. Hollington Tong, former director of the Government's Information Office. The Ministries of Social Affairs and Agriculture and Forestry have been reserved for the Young China Party.

In addition, there are four other ministers without portfolio, two for the Young China and two for the Democratic Socialist Parties, but the names are not yet known.

President Chiang Kai-shek tonight signed the formal endorsement of the Cabinet list as approved this morning by the Central Political Council.—Reuters.

General MacArthur announced today that trade between Japan and sterling area countries has been changed from a dollar to a sterling basis.

This permits Japan to trade with other governments in sterling instead of dollars as in the past. Previously only deals between private traders in Japan and similar traders in other countries could be in sterling.

The initial participants are the United Kingdom and her colonies, excluding Hong Kong, Australia, Burma, Eire, Faroe Islands, Iceland, Iraq, New Zealand, Pakistan, South Africa and the Persian Gulf sheikdoms.

The transfer of power would be gradual but withdrawal of American troops under present plans is not scheduled until the new government shows it can survive.—United Press.

Whether or not the scheduled meeting between Bao Dai and French High Commissioner for Indo-China, M. Emile Bollaert, on Friday will take place is now doubtful.

Before attending this meeting and flying to France for signing the final agreement, Bao Dai must have a government for whom he can obtain authority to sign.

Sources close to the former Emperor of Annam said last night that Bao Dai will not leave Hong Kong for any talks with the French until a Government is to represent Vietnam.

Korean Republic Reborn

Seoul, May 31.

Dr. Syngman Rhee, 73-year-old anti-Communist Korean political leader, who won the championship of the Korean Assembly at the first meeting today, jubilantly declared, "The Republic of Korea is born again."

The Assembly, which was elected on May 10 in balloting sponsored by the United Nations, took only 90 minutes to name Rhee its leader and start him toward the governmental power he seeks.

In his acceptance speech, Rhee declared that the government which the Assembly will form will have sovereignty over all of Korea including the Soviet occupied zone in the north.

Outlining his government programme, Rhee said that United States troops should remain in South Korea until the Koreans form an army able to defend themselves. He said even after the American troops leave, American technicians should remain to advise the country, especially on economic matters.

Rhee said the Korean government will attempt to "open direct and friendly negotiations with the Soviet Union for a just solution of critical problems common to the two nations."

Rhee promised to purge corruption and profiteering from the government, speed the formation of a national defence force, regulate price of commodities and guarantee freedom of speech, press and assembly legislation.

Hundreds of black uniformed policemen, armed with American carbines, patrolled the capital area on foot and horseback, systematically frisking cabbies for arms as they entered the capital grounds.

The American commander for South Korea, Lt. Gen. John R. Hodge, and the American military governor, Maj. Gen. William F. Dean, both promised in their reply that the Americans would not dictate to the Assembly.

They said the Americans would be ready to offer any assistance asked.

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MICHAEL TO WED ON SATURDAY

Athens, May 31. Premier Themistocles Sophoulis announced today that former King Michael of Romania and Princess Anne of Bourbon Parma will be married in Athens on Saturday.—Associated Press.

TOTALITARIAN TRADE CONTROL

Shanghai, May 31.

William P. Hunt, prominent American trader, said the "people of the United States in endorsing aid to China did so with the understanding that they are violently opposed to totalitarian trade control." The Government purchasing agencies, he said, were that kind of control.

He said the United States would resist any attempts by recipient countries to funnel American aid through their own official companies at the expense of the already established foreign middlemen.

Far Eastern businessmen quoted Washington as fearing that a major portion of the US\$238 million economic aid to China might be spent through Chinese companies, chiefly the Chinese National Trading Corporation.

"I know of no item of capital goods which the Chinese could fall to purchase through established channels," said the 47-year-old important export firm chairman in an interview with the Associated Press.

"It is simply nonsense for the Chinese Government to say these facilities do not exist."

He said he was confident that foreign firms would handle almost the entire capital goods phase of the Chinese programme. This would include machinery, farming implements, spare parts with a estimated value of US\$90,000,000.

PICTURE OF THE DAY

Palestine Mediator



Count Folke Bernadotte, who accepted the United Nations' invitation to act as mediator in the Palestine imbroglio, and who had talks with the Arab leaders over the week-end.

Bustle Outside HK Hotel

A European dragging a Chinese woman by the arm at about 9.30 p.m. yesterday in Des Voeux Road Central, outside Gloucester Hotel, resulted in crowds of pedestrians gathering in the neighbourhood particularly in front of the Hong Kong Hotel into which the woman was pulled.

While being pulled, the woman blew continuously on a police whistle.

The man asked for a telephone to contact the police but before this could be done two policemen and Mr. G. D. Binstead, Superintendent (Traffic) of Police appeared on the scene.

A patrol wagon was summoned from the Central Police Station and the couple were taken there.

While waiting in the Hong Kong Hotel for the wagon to arrive, the Chinese woman told the "China Mail" that she went to see the 7.30 p.m. cinema show.

She was walking along Des Voeux Road Central after the show to catch a tram, when she was seized by the European.

She said she could think of no reason why he grabbed hold of her and demanded that she go to the police station with him.

Later, the Police said the matter had been settled at the Central Police Station and that no charges were preferred.

MODERN HOTEL AND AMUSEMENT PARK FOR NEW TERRITORIES

(By MARGARET BRADBURY)

A HK\$1,000,000 project, involving the opening of a modern inn and amusement park in the New Territories, is at present being undertaken by a well-known local syndicate.

The site chosen is the old Catholic Mission building 16 miles out on the Castle Peak Highway, which has been bought for the purpose, and which in three months time is expected to be open to the public in the form of an up-to-date hotel.

The plan for the new building and adjacent park has recently been approved, and work should begin in the next few weeks.

I was told yesterday, "This will be accomplished in two stages. First the old property will be renovated, re-decorated and modernised."

"Next, construction will begin on the amusement park which, however, will not be opened until next year as completion will not be in time for patronage during the remaining summer months."

Twenty Bedrooms

When the Hotel is opened to the public about the end of August, the ground floor will comprise a large dining room, ballroom, lounge and bar-room, while the top floor will include 20 bedrooms each fitted with a private bathroom. These have already been installed.

At the moment, the syndicate is negotiating with Government for the lease of 20,000 square feet of land adjoining the Hotel for the purpose of erecting the amusement and car parks. The plan for the amusement park includes a children's playground, a number of "merry-go-round," mechanical gadgets, swings and

other entertainments. A member of the syndicate said yesterday, "We want people to bring their children with them when they come to the Hotel, so that they can roam around in the special place we shall set aside for them and enjoy the fresh air and sunshine they cannot get in the city."

He added: "It is not our intention to open this resort to the public on a profligate basis. Our aim is to let people have amusement and enjoyment at a reasonable price, which will amount over a long term basis to defraying our capital outlay and netting a small profit."

Among the facilities that will be available to guests at the Hotel this summer, will be afternoon concerts which are to be held on the surrounding lawns alongside a tea terrace of sun-shaded tables. A private swimming sunbathing beach will also be reserved for visitors to the Hotel, who will be able to reach the sea by a stone stairway leading from the building's grounds.

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Pen Explodes

Liu Chi-wang (35) bought a fountain-pen from a store at 488 Reclamation Street on Sunday night. The pen, for some reason, blew up in his hand and took away three fingers from Liu's left hand. He was rushed to the Kowloon Hospital and was, up to a late hour last night, reported to be in a serious condition.

3 Killed Fighting Bandits

Three members of the Chinese Peace Preservation Corps, including the officer commanding, were killed and three others wounded on Saturday in a battle with bandits seven miles west of the border town of Shumchun.

Reports from the frontier said the shooting occurred at Pakshiek village, a short distance from Shalau where the Customs station was destroyed and a Customs officer killed by bandits a fortnight ago.

Several of the attackers were killed in the encounter and many more are believed to have been wounded.

Pakshiek is a small garrison town off Deep Bay. The three wounded men were admitted to the Kowloon Hospital on Sunday.

US TOWN WASHED AWAY BY FLOODS

Vanport, Oregon, May 31.

The waterlogged debris of this war built city was probed today for possible victims of a flood that destroyed the town of 18,700 within minutes.

Officially, there are no known dead 12 hours after a wall of water burst upon the dyked-guarded community on the south bank of the flooding Columbia River late yesterday.

But thousands of survivors who told of their escape and rescue left slight doubts that the toll will mount rapidly when the splintered dwellings are cleared away.

The search for victims went on under floodlights last night and the probe of the submerged automobiles and dwellings went into full force at dawn. Hundreds are injured and in hospitals.

Vanport—once the second largest city in Oregon in the war time shipyard area here—is a total loss.

Most of the victims are expected to be children. The play yards of the town were crowded for Sunday afternoon games when the flood struck suddenly.

Many are sons and daughters of veterans living in the public housing project and students at Vanport College centred in the town.

The anxiety of most of the adult survivors for their offspring. Dozens told of leaving children in upper floors of the buildings—believed in safety—

The Weather

A moderate anticyclone covers North Japan, Hokkaido and Sakhalin. A complex low pressure system covers China and French Indo China. Pressure being lowest in the vicinity of the Gulf of Tonkin.

At 0900 GMT (8 p.m. local summer time) the typhoon was situated about 500 miles ESE of Formosa moving N or NNW at 10 to 15 knots.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E to SE winds. Southerly showers night and early morning otherwise fair.

Yesterday's Weather: Maximum 85.5 deg. F. Minimum 73.5 deg. F. Rainfall 1.4 mm. = 0.05 in. Total since Jan. 1—414.4 mm. = 16.3 in. as against an average of 170.1 mm. = 6.7 in.

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OBJECTED TO SIX WOMEN SERVING AS JURORS

An unusual incident occurred at the Criminal Sessions yesterday when Mr. A. Lonsdale, Crown Counsel, objected to six women serving on a jury which was being sworn at the trial of Li Ngau and Lo Yau on charges relative to the demanding of arms and money with menaces.

The first juror to be called was a man. The names of six women were called in succession, whereupon Mr. Lonsdale asked that the last one be allowed to stand down. Mr. Lonsdale did not give any reason for his request, but it was granted by Mr. Justice E. H. Williams (Chief Justice). After three attempts, the Clerk of the Court succeeded in drawing a card bearing a man's name.

The accused were charged with uttering a letter demanding, with menaces, six Sten guns, one dozen automatic pistols and \$50,000 from Li Cheung-wan, demanding with menaces \$10,000 from the same person and together with Lo Yau, conspiring to obtain money with menaces.

The case for the Crown was conducted by Lonsdale, assisted by Det. Insp. C. Dowman.

When hearing commenced, the accused were not represented, but in the afternoon, Mr. Percy Chen appeared for Lo Yau, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ.

Threatening Letter

In the course of his opening, Mr. Lonsdale said first accused was a relative of the complainant, a building contractor. On May 19, a letter was received from first accused asking for a loan of \$200. About eight days later, complainant received another letter purporting to come from an organization known as 'Hoi Fung Corps'. This letter contained a demand for certain arms and a large sum of money, coupled with a threat that poison gas bombs would be used if he did not comply.

A further letter, also from the same organization, was received. The letters, which were sent from Shum Chun, were handed to the Police.

At the same time, the intended victim instructed a relative, Ip Kap, to make contact with first accused. In consequence of an arrangement thus made, complainant met first accused at a restaurant, and accused held himself out as a go-between for the 'Hoi Fung Corps'. Complainant, stilled by asking for a reduction of the demand. Another meeting

Memorial Weekend Toll Soars

Chicago, May 31.

The number of persons killed in accidents over the Memorial holiday weekend today soared toward the 300 mark as millions of Americans packed up their tents, fishing kits and bathing suits to hit the highways for home.

The number of dead shown in a United Press survey this morning was 210 persons killed since Friday night.

Of the total, 108 died in traffic accidents, 29 by drowning and 70 in airplane crashes, fires and miscellaneous mishaps.

One of the worst tragedies was the crash of three Naval Reserve planes near Stuart, Florida, in which five Service personnel lost their lives.

The Navy said the three planes might have collided in the air when a flight of 12 ships ran into a Florida squall. The nine other planes fought through to safe landings.—United Press.

Reminders

Today

Insignia Investiture, Government House, 10 a.m.
Sino-British Club—Dramatic Society special meeting, Public Relations Office, 8.30 p.m.
Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m.
H.K. Rotary Club Luncheon, address on 'The Book of Changes and the Social Order' by Mr. Wei, The Hotel Garden, H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m.
Official Opening of Ruyden House (Dillon) plan—on education school, 31, Andrews' Church Hall, 8.30 a.m.
Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 8 p.m.

Coming Events

TOMORROW
Tee H. Club meeting, Talbot House, 50 Macdonnell Road, 8.30 p.m.

THURSDAY
H.K. S. W. Council opens new centre in Hospital Road, (Governor's office), 9.30 p.m.
Fashion Show (opening by Lady Grantham), The Garden, H.K. Hotel, 8 p.m.

Y. S. Club Luncheon, H.K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

FRIDAY
Kowloon Rotary Club Luncheon, Peninsula Hotel, 12.30 p.m.

Warning To Marine Store Owners

A warning to all marine store owners to report immediately all live shells which they may find mixed with empty cartridge cases, was issued by Mr. W. H. Latimer, at the request of Det. Sub-inspector E. G. Baker, at Kowloon yesterday.

The warning was occasioned by the plea of Tsang Shun, 29-year-old manager of the Kwong Lung Marine Store of 180 Reclamation Street, that he purchased 120 rounds of .303 and the ordinary course of his business. The live ammunition, he told the Police and the Court, were found mixed with a quantity of empty shells.

DSI Baker said that the prosecution had no reason to doubt defendant's excuse, and that the Police was not taking a serious view of the case. The only serious nature of the offence, said DSI Baker, was that accused did not report immediately the live ammunition was discovered.

The premises were raided by Det. Sub-inspector H. T. Matches and Det. Cpl. Yu Chung-chi at 3 p.m. on May 13. The ammunition was found under the stairs.

The tenant being questioned, defendant came forward as the manager and claimed full responsibility.

After issuing the general warning, Mr. Latimer fined accused \$300 and ordered the ammunition to be confiscated.

WOMAN'S BODY RECOVERED

Considerable attention was attracted yesterday by a body of a Chinese woman floating near Queen's Pier. Crowds flocked to the pier to watch the police recover the body from the harbour.

According to a police report later, the woman apparently died as a result of drowning. She was about 31 years old and was well-dressed.

OPIUM BOILER'S HARD LUCK TALE

Chan Kun-shak (32) was a casual coolie who wanted to make easy money and worked for a man called Chan Lee as a boiler of opium.

His luck was, however, dead end as, he claimed, he had hardly started to make money when Sub-inspector Thomas, while chasing a hawk, figuratively tumbled into his factory.

This led to a raid by Det. Sub-inspector C. J. Askew, and the seizure of the paraphernalia used by Chan for boiling opium, at 20 Fooking Road, first floor.

The story of the raid on May 29, as well as Chan's hard-luck tale, was told by DSI Askew when Chan appeared before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with manufacturing opium and possession of the drug. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour.

Arrested by CRO 204 at 7.15 p.m. on May 30 at the K.C.R. Station in possession of 40 tins of raw opium, found in his canvas bag under some clothing, Cheung Ki-wah (37), a Chinese, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Latimer yesterday.

A fine of \$200 (or six weeks' hard labour) was imposed on Sam Heung (27) who admitted having two tins of raw opium in his possession at 1.10 p.m. on May 29 at the K.C.R. Station. He was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. Latimer in both cases.

Finnish Reparations Negotiation

Helsinki, May 30.

The Finnish Government's foreign relations committee is expected to prepare a proposal for negotiations with Russia about reduction of war reparations this week.

Three Communist ministers earlier this month, advised the Government to open negotiations with Russia on that subject. One of them, the Minister of Supply, declared that Russia was favourably inclined towards such an approach.

Political circles thought the Government would ask for either a reduction of the war reparations or an extension of the delivery deadline.—Associated Press.

Mak Chai, 31-year-old hawker, was committed for trial by Mr. J. H. K. at Kowloon yesterday on a charge of armed robbery at 111 Second Street, second floor, on April 9, and possession of arms and ammunition. Det. Inspector Willerton was in charge of the case for the prosecution.

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Students' "Victory Dance"

Shanghai, May 31.

Mr. Thomas Gibb, Principal of the Shanghai American School, today filed a formal written protest with Mr. T. A. Reynolds, Chairman of the International Week Movement, against anti-American and other objectionable displays, which unexpectedly appeared in Saturday night's programme at the American School, climaxing the observance of International Week.

The major objection was voiced against the incident in the "Victory Dance", depicting the birth of the United Nations, which contrary to prior assurances that the entire programme would be strictly cultural in nature, there suddenly appeared on the stage a grotesque figure of Uncle Sam, with a capitalistic top-hat and dollar signs all over his dress, accompanied by another figure, representing Japan, carrying money bags.

Other students, representing the people of China, staged a mock attack upon the couple. Mr. Gibb interrupted the performance by switching off the lights.

Earlier, the audience of 4,000 saw a play in such a fashion as to suggest antagonism to the Arabs. The local United States authorities believe that one student group was primarily responsible for the objectionable part of the programme, and that no blame should be placed upon the sponsors and officials connected with the International Week Movement, which was launched to promote understanding among the youths of the different nationalities here.

FOOD AND FUEL INDEX

Following are the Food and Fuel Costs for the Week ended May 29:

Rice & Flour	12 catties \$5.2700
Vegetables	1.2 " 7700
Onion	2 " 2400
Salt	2 " 1500
Tea	2 " 900
Sea Fish	2 " 7200
Wheat	2 " 8200
Pork	2 " 7600
Fish	100 " 1000
Bean Curd, 14 pieces	1000

Total cost of the above items for the month of June, 1948 will be about \$100.00.

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MAGISTRATE WARNS HEROIN TRAFFICKERS

"Heroin is a great deal more harmful than opium or anything of that sort. Anybody who comes before the Courts and is convicted on charges of this sort can expect to have no consideration in the matter of sentence."

These remarks were made at the Criminal Sessions yesterday by Mr. Justice J. J. Gould (Pulse Judge), after a jury of four men and three women had found Chan Kwong, 28, guilty of possession of 5,000 heroin pills and a lump of diacetyl-morphine sufficient to make another 11,000 pills and with assisting in the management of a place in which dangerous drugs were stored.

Chan was acquitted on the charge of managing a place in which dangerous drugs were stored.

On the application of Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, who conducted the case for the prosecution, assisted by Det. Insp. J. R. Skyes, sentence was suspended till the next Criminal Sessions.

The heroin pills and diacetyl-morphine which were produced as exhibits, caused a sweet aroma to pervade the courtroom throughout the hearing.

Opening the case, Mr. Reynolds said that on May 30, at about 10.10 p.m. Det. Insp. Skyes and a party of detectives went to 257 Portland Street, 2nd floor. One of the detectives, knocked at the door and a Chinese male, who turned out to be the accused, opened the door and looked out.

He was told they were a police party in possession of a search warrant. Accused shut the door, but did not open the door. The detective knocked again and said that if the door was not opened, it would be broken down. Det. Insp. Skyes then looked through the peep-hole and accused opened the door.

Inside a cubicle they found a large wooden box, which was a tray containing a pink mass, a pair of scales and a press for making pills. They also saw on the bed a chopper, smeared with pink paste and white powder. Accused, questioned said, that they belonged to a person called 'Luk Suk'. Outside the cubicle was a bed and accused admitted that he used it. On this bed were found 5,000 pills.

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THOUSAND TO MARCH IN KING'S BIRTHDAY PARADE AT RACECOURSE

The King's Birthday, which falls this year on Thursday, June 10, 1948, will be celebrated by a large parade of over 1,000 officers and men at Happy Valley Race Course, which has been placed at the disposal of the authorities by the Stewards of the Hong Kong Jockey Club.

Contingents of the Royal Navy, Royal Marines, Army, Royal Air Force and Police Force will be on parade.

The Army contingent will include officers and men of the 2nd Battalion The Buffs, 1st Battalion The Royal Inniskilling Fusiliers, and 2/10th Gurkha Rifles, as well as the guns of the 25th Field Regiment Royal Artillery. The Royal Marine Bands of H.M.S. "London" and H.M.S. "Sussex" will also be on parade.

The contingents will be drawn up in the centre of the race course facing the stands. His Excellency the Governor will be seated on a raised platform by a Royal Salute, and the Union Jack will be broken at the main stand. The Commander-in-Chief, British Forces, (Admiral Sir John Dore, K.C.B., C.B.E., D.S.O.), the Commodore-in-Charge, Hong Kong (Commodore C. L. Robertson), the Officer Commanding Land Forces (Brigadier H. A. Skone D.S.O.), the Air Officer Commanding (Air Commodore S. H. Webster, C.B.E., D.S.O., A.F.C.) and the Commissioner of Police (Mr. D. W. MacIntosh, C.B.E.) will be on the parade.

His Excellency will then inspect the parade on foot, accompanied by the Parade Commander, Lt. Col. J. H. Beattie, C.B.E., D.S.O. The parade will continue with the firing of a Royal Salute of 21 guns by the guns of the 25th Field Regiment, R.A. and a feu-de-joie by the troops. The bands will then play a Royal Salute as the Union Jack is lowered, after which the Parade will give three cheers for His Majesty the King.

His Excellency will subsequently take the salute as the parade marches past the Saluting Base. It is hoped that Royal Air Force planes will be able to fly over the parade.

Public Accommodation

The Members' and General Enclosures of the Race Course will be thrown open to the public for the occasion by courtesy of the Stewards of Hong Kong Jockey Club. The boxes will be reserved for official guests and members of the Jockey Club who may only use the main gate into the Members' Enclosure. Members of the public will use the entrance to the Public Enclosure. Notices regarding traffic diversion will be published by the Commissioner of Police.

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Prison Sentence Changed

After six weekly remands, Tse Pui (20), Chan Chiu (20) and Chiu Yuen (34) were at Kowloon yesterday fined \$500 each by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr in lieu of the three months' hard labour passed on them on April 24 on a charge of receiving stolen property.

In giving his decision, the Magistrate said he had taken into consideration what Det. Sub-Inspector Chik Ho-ka had told the Court about the help given to the Police by defendants.

At the original trial, Sin Bing (23) was sentenced to three years' hard labour on five charges of larceny of headlamps; and Chun Hing (28), who pleaded that he only acted as go-between for Sin Bing, received 18 months' hard labour on the count of receiving two headlamps. Both were recommended for banishment.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed on each of the others. First defendant is the fook of a shop at 742 Nathan Road of which the third accused is master. Second defendant is the fook of a shop at 634 Nathan Road.

\$5,000 Fine For Opium Carrier

"He is a very small cog in the machine," defence counsel P. J. Griffiths told the Court yesterday when 36-year-old Cheung Hoi appeared at Central charged with possessing 45 taels of raw opium.

Declaring that his client was a native of Ng Wah and had been in the colony only twice, counsel said that he was unaware of the contents of the packets which were entrusted to him.

Cheung was of good character and it was the first time that he had become involved in such a matter. In the circumstances, counsel requested a nominal fine instead of imprisonment.

Counsel added that the prosecution had agreed that the lengthy period during which defendant had been in custody should be considered.

Revenue Inspector Redman said that defendant arrived by the s.s. Hai Yang from Swatow and his suitcase was found to contain packets of raw opium and a packet on his person. Altogether the drug amounted to 45 taels.

Defendant was fined \$5,000 or two months' hard labour.

Persistent Coolie Gets Imprisonment

Ngan Sik-chau (18), ricksha coolie, was very persistent and would not take the "No" which Mr. Goudie of the Police Radio Office gave him as a definite answer.

His persistence led to his appearance before Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday charged with soliciting for an immoral purpose, and to a sentence of three months.

According to Inspector J. Orem, Mr. Goudie engaged defendant at the Star Ferry Wharf at 1.15 a.m. on May 20 to take him to the European "Y." During the trip, accused kept on turning round and asking the complainant whether he "wanted a nice girl."

Mr. Goudie repeatedly replied in the negative and eventually had the man arrested by Sub-Inspector Dow who was on duty in Radio Car No. 9.

Wong Kam, 40-year-old widow, escaped banishment by a day.

BY ALEX RAYMOND

DEATH MISSES



IF THE driver of private car No. 994, an Anglia 10-h.p. sedan, had been sitting in his car at 3 p.m. yesterday, he would have been either killed or seriously injured.

A long bamboo pole, dislodged from a scaffolding on the 2nd floor of Prince's Building in Ice House Street, hurtled down on the car parked below, pierced the roof over the driver's seat, and ripped the leather covering from both the driver's seat and the inner side of the door.

The bamboo pole, embedded in the car, attracted crowds of people except the owner who was not aware of the accident until after 5 p.m. when he was about to drive home. (Francis Wu Photo.)

Took Police Two Hours To Get His Identity

C. E. Stone, of No. 41, Bay View Hotel, pleaded that he was under the influence of drink when charged with behaving in a disorderly manner and threatening to assault a police inspector on duty at Central Magistracy yesterday before Mr. F. X. d'Almada.

The Magistrate discharged defendant, who was not represented legally, on another count of avoiding payment of fare on a public vehicle, but on the other charges fined him \$50 or 10 days' imprisonment.

Inspector H. Moran told the Court that defendant owned a public vehicle No. 4387 at the Hong Kong Hotel at 12.30 a.m. on Sunday and ordered the driver to drive him to Central Station.

Saying that he was a three-star inspector, arriving at the station, the driver asked for \$1.50, but defendant refused to pay and told the man to drive him to Causeway Bay. The driver refused to go when defendant did not give any address.

Stone was under the influence of drink then to a certain extent and it took some time for the inspector on duty to persuade defendant to leave the car.

READER'S LETTER

Traffic Aids

Sir,—The police are always on the outlook to save the "Casualty List," resulting through vehicle accidents, from rising higher. Yet several glass, small details, that would help immensely go unnoticed or ignored, i.e., "If all vehicles with 'LEFT HAND DRIVES' were to have it displayed, by means of a placard in English & Chinese, at the rear of the vehicle, it would help following motorists considerably.

All vehicles to have a "working" set of indication signals. Lorries are the chief defaulters in this respect, often the cab to the lorry, is so small that when the driver wishes to signal to following traffic, he sticks an arm out of the cab, gesticulates his intentions and withdraws his arm contented that his directions are quite clear to following vehicles.

The driver may have signalled but it is a chance that he may have been seen, for the cab, by being placed centrally on the chassis, renders arm signals practically useless. The reason being, that the sides of the lorry are proud of the cab and all that can be seen from the rear are a waving finger.

A set of "working" hand signals would be of great asset in these cases. I quote, "working" for some lorries have these signals and one either too lazy to use them or else they are in an unworkable condition, which latter I strongly suspect.

As a conclusion to this letter I wish to inform the unknown woman driver who knocked my stationary motorcycle down on Friday, the 28th, that either she learns to drive less erratically or else she dismounts to take note of the damage done to the vehicle she knocks down. In my case several glass, small details, that would help immensely go unnoticed or ignored, i.e., "If all vehicles with 'LEFT HAND DRIVES' were to have it displayed, by means of a placard in English & Chinese, at the rear of the vehicle, it would help following motorists considerably.

Personalia

M. Obre, Pere Chalieu, M. and Mme. Laignelet, M. Societ, M. Ivanousky, M. Calard, M. Nant, M. Hejnac, M. Pilot and M. Benezet arrived in Hong Kong from Saigon on Saturday by Air France.

Lieutenant-General Nguyen Van Kuan, President of the Provisional Government of Cochinchina and Premier-designate of the proposed Central Government of Vietnam, returned to Saigon on Sunday by Air France. He was accompanied by Nguyen Van Ty, Tran Van Huu, Tran Van Don, Nguyen Truong Vinh, and Lieutenant Tran Van Don.

A number of Vietnam political delegates left by the same plane following their discussions in Hong Kong with ex-Emperor Bao Dai of Annam.

Other passengers who left for Saigon on Sunday included Mr. and Mrs. Pila, Mr. and Mrs. Coppin, M. Lower, Mr. R. Tarrin, Mrs. M. Jones, M. Berenguer and M. Le Van Hoach.

Arrivals at the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end included Messrs. W. H. Andrews, D. L. Moore, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie A. Lewis, Mrs. M. G. Brown, C. MacLean, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Sweeney, Rowland Hankling, A. A. Clark, Miss E. Saffar, D. Thomas, S. J. Boleen, Mrs. B. Eveleigh, and Lt. Col. H. Venis.

Among the departures from the Peninsula Hotel during the week-end were Mrs. C. Veloso, C. Baldesteros, Mrs. P. S. Rojas, Mr. and Mrs. J. Zystra, Mr. and Mrs. K. A. Hayward, H. A. Patton, H. A. Hendricks, Mr. and Mrs. Don D. McAfee, J. W. Wright, Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Barthen, C. E. Hall, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. Pottshmidt, Mrs. M. L. Mead, Mr. J. I. Murray, Mrs. R. Heathcote, J. P. Cahill, C. P. Rasmussen, and Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Boyd.

Among the 37 passengers who by CPA for Manila yesterday were Messrs. Tan Sio Kiat, Chua Chiong Gunt, Tan Sio Beng, Ann Bee, Asu Lai, Te Look and Tan Sio Kuan.

On Sunday Miss Celia Yu, Miss Mee Yu, Messrs. Lim Lip, Tan Tiong Loon, Sy Seng Hock, and Lim Peng Hong left Hong Kong for Manila by CPA.

Recent arrivals from Manila by CPA included Messrs. V. Channing, Joseph S. Phelon, Ching Sin Hong, Choy Yen Peng, Tan Kim Giok, and Saw Ho Shin.

Arrivals from Singapore on Sunday by CPA included Messrs. N. Maxwell, Hin Chin Pang, Hui Siang Hing, Leon E. Pak, and Han Kuwan Shig.

Mr. Stanley Smith, of Scott and English, arrived in Hong Kong from Japan by BOAC flying-boat, on Saturday, after visiting Mr. John Galvin, who has been seriously ill in Tokyo, but who is now recovering.

Others aboard the same aircraft were Lt-General C. H. Gairdner, Major E. J. Gerling, Major J. J. Craig, E. N. Shulver, Major G. P. Pither, Capt. H. Fitzroy, Messrs. E. J. Weller, E. F. H. A. A. MacKenzie, Sgt. S. Bingham and Mrs. G. Brown.

Week-end arrivals from Southampton by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat were Messrs. R. S. Smith, D. T. Thomas, F. Crerar, A. R. Mals, R. E. Molins, Miss E. Saffar, Miss V. C. Desave.

Departures from Hong Kong to Southampton by BOAC "Speedbird" flying-boat were Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stanton, Mr. S. T. Williamson, Mr. P. E. Farrington, Mrs. G. Brown, Major J. J. Craig, Mr. J. I. Murray, Miss Verestchagina, Miss R. A. C. Edwards, Mr. D. MacDiarmid, Miss S. R. Schefer, Mr. F. C. Warburton.

On the same aircraft were Mr. C. MacLean (for Calcutta), Mr. W. Brauer, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Bradbridge, Mrs. W. M. H. Lewis, Miss S. Smith, Miss M. B. Wagner, Miss E. L. Brink and Miss M. L. B. Mead (for Bangkok).

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Benjamin J. Thomas, 24, of Rous, Hong Kong, to Miss Margaret Mary Edith Everett, 21, of Rous, Hong Kong, will take place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. Ernest Rowland and F. B. Miles.

The wedding of Mr. Arthur Ernest Jennings, 24, of Fung Wook Terrace, Hong Kong, and Miss Mabel Wong Ying, took place at the Supreme Court Marriage Registry yesterday in the presence of Messrs. Ernest Rowland and F. B. Miles.

DISCHARGED ON BURGLARY CHARGE

Lau Ho, 26-year-old married woman, Wan Shu-chuen (48), and Yeung Sze, 32-year-old married woman, were discharged by Mr. W. H. Latimer at Kowloon yesterday when DBI E. G. Baker withdrew a charge of breaking into 27 Wai Ching Street, second floor, on May 19, and stealing money and jewellery to the value of about \$20,000.

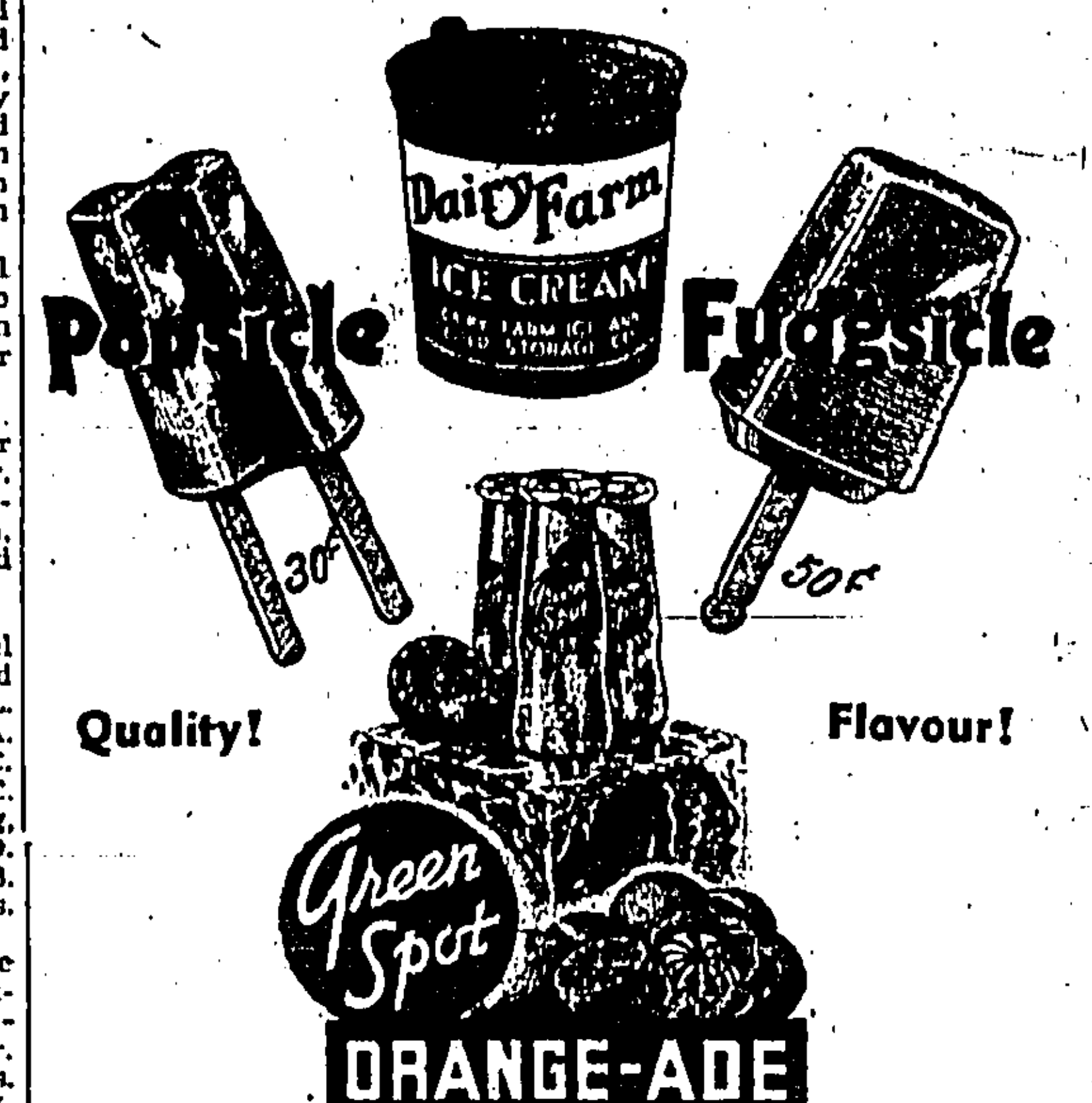
Leung Man alias Hoiung Shan-ma (88), Chu Tung (87) and Lau Ng-kau (22), were remanded on the same charge and an additional count of breaking into 21 Reclamation Street, second floor, on April 16 and stealing money and property valued at over \$7,000.

Lau is defended by Mr. C. A. Sutherland, "Lau," as a Ng Hang alias 541 To Hang (84) who was remanded for one week last Saturday on the same charge and an additional one of being a member of the Wo Lee Wo Society.

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The Auction is subject to the Conditions of Sale published in the Hong Kong (British) Gazette Volume 2, No. 12, of 9th March, 1946.

A. E. B. DE SOUSA,

Auctioneer.

Hong Kong, 1st June, 1948.

MARINE DEPARTMENT NOTIFICATION

FOR INFORMATION OF SHIP OPERATORS AND CHARTERS.

It is hereby notified that Saturday, 20th May, 1948, has been declared a Weather-non-working day.

J. JOLLY,

Director of Marine.

Marine Department, Hong Kong, 31st May, 1948.

NOTICE

A Service will be held on **SUNDAY, 13th JUNE** 10 a.m. at the Synagogue (Robinson Road) in memory of those members of the Jewish Community who lost their lives in the defence of Hong Kong; to be followed by the unveiling of a memorial tablet.

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T. S. D. WHITLEY,
Secretary, Urban Council.

Hong Kong, 29th May, 1948.

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NOTICE is hereby given that the TWELFTH Annual General Meeting of Shareholders of the Company, adjourned on the 20th December, 1947, will be resumed in the offices of Messrs. Wheelock, Marden & Co., Ltd., King's Building, Hong Kong, on 18th June, 1948 at 11 a.m. for the following purposes—

- (1) To receive and consider the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the period 1st April, 1947 to 31st March, 1948.
- (2) To consider the conversion of the Capital of the Company into Hong Kong Dollars, under the Registration of China Companies Regulations 1947.
- (3) To confirm the appointment of Directors and fix the remuneration of the directors.
- (4) To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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HONG KONG SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL

On and after June 1st, 1948, the two Old People's Centres formerly at the back of the Old City Hall and in the Sanitary Department's building at Morrison Street will be found at the new SOCIAL WELFARE building, 15 HOSPITAL ROAD (behind Sai Yip Hospital).

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Dutch Accused Of Trying To Freeze Out Indonesians

Lake Success, May 30.

A spokesman for the Republic of Indonesia charged tonight that the Netherlands, in violation of the agreement negotiated through the United Nations, is trying to freeze the Republic out of important stages in the formation of the United States of Indonesia.

Lebanon Accused

Washington, May 30. The State Department disclosed today that the United States has accused Lebanon of violating the principles of international law in seizing 41 Americans who were en route to Palestine. A second United States note was handed to the Lebanese authorities yesterday demanding the immediate release of the men, who have been detained in a Syrian Army barracks since their removal from the American liner Marine Corp in Beirut harbour 11 days ago. The Americans, however, already have accepted freedom on Lebanon's terms—that they return directly to the United States—United Press.

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Tickets may also be renewed at Queen's Building, Connaught Road Central, near Star Ferry on 28th, 29th, 30th May and 1st June.

V. WALKER
Acting General Manager
25th May, 1948.

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China Aid Council President

New York, May 30. Doctor Ernest G. Osborne, Professor of Education at the Teachers College of Columbia University, has been elected President of the China Aid Council, Incorporated.

In 1940-47, Dr. Osborne served in China as a consultant on child care and development for United Service to China.

He was formerly chairman of the Children's Division of the China Aid Council.

The China Aid Council sponsors a programme of service and financial aid to welfare, health and nutrition projects in China.

—Associated Press.

STERN GANG INCORPORATED

Tel Aviv, May 30. A senior officer at the Jewish High command, disclosed today that all Stern group units with their units have been incorporated in the new army of Israel.

Irgun-Zvai Lumi is still outside the army but carries out operations under instructions of the unified high command, he told a press conference.

Officers of the Jewish army are now being worked out and allowances for the families of recruited soldiers are being paid regularly, he said. The allowances total about \$200,000 a month, the officer added.

—Associated Press.

BYRNES BELIEVES IN TALKS WITH RUSSIA

New York, May 30. The United States should be willing to talk with the Russians so long as questions affecting other Allied governments were not involved, Mr. James Byrnes, former Secretary of State, said today.

Speaking at the Winthrop College commencement exercises in Rock Hill, South Carolina, he said the United States should go ahead with its defence programme in the meantime, bearing in mind the old Indian chief who said: "Fool me once, shame on you; fool me twice, shame on me."

Mr. Byrnes apparently attached more significance to the recent Soviet overtures than his successor, Mr. George Marshall.

"It has always been my belief that the Soviets in their policy of expansion, will go just as far as the democracies permit them to go," said Mr. Byrnes.

"When they conclude they can go farther without fighting, I believe they will attack," he said.

In Moscow, Pravda, the Communist Party newspaper, declared today that Generalissimo Stalin's offer to discuss outstanding differences between Soviet Russia and the United States has been accepted by the Soviet Government.

"After the publication of Stalin's reply to Mr. Wallace's open letter, the dissemination by the American and all other peoples, Evidently, they have fallen victims of their own anti-democratic propaganda and 'war psychosis, which they are whipping up'—Reuter.

As a new vivid proof of the consistent peace-loving policy of the Soviet Union but as a concrete programme aimed at consolidating peace throughout the world.

"Perplexity And Dismay" The six-power conference on Germany, now going on in London, was described as "an outrageous violation of the Potsdam Agreement."

"What aim does this conference serve?" the article questioned, and gave the answer as: "The formation of a Western German Government that is the splitting of Germany."

The Soviet Government newspaper, Izvestia, analysing world news continued on the exchanges between the American and Russian leaders, today drew attention to the "perplexity and dismay" in influential United States circles.

These circles, said Izvestia, did not expect "so violent a manifestation of the striving of peace by the American and all other peoples. Evidently, they have fallen victims of their own anti-democratic propaganda and 'war psychosis, which they are whipping up'—Reuter.

Big Powers Cut Down Armies

Lake Success, May 30.

The unofficial "United Nations World" magazine estimated in a detailed survey of the world's armies that there are now 15,302,890 men under arms in 57 countries.

It added: "The regular armies of today are definitely incapable of aggressive moves in the 'Worldwide' scale, or even of sustained defence against a major onslaught."

"With the exception of Yugoslavia, which maintains an oversized army in a high state of preparedness, no country, and certainly none of the major powers, maintains even a fraction of its war manpower potential," the magazine said.

"In the midst of all the war talk, both the United Kingdom and the USSR pursue policies of progressive demobilisation. The United States maintains an army insufficient for its peacetime needs, France struggles to organise a new army from scratch while scraping the bottom of her barrel to finance the luxury."

"Only in China and Greece are armies—two in each case—maintained on a war footing—Reuter.

South Africa To Leave Sterling Bloc?

London, May 30.

The Financial Times reported today that an important segment of City opinion believes South Africa will leave the sterling bloc and, as a major gold producer, tie up her economy with the United States. It said this would result from the South African elections earlier this week, in which Prime Minister Smuts was defeated.

On the other hand, the Times reported another body of opinion as believing the new Government is too insecurely seated and confronted with too many problems to contemplate such a drastic move.

The first school of thought, according to the Times, reasons that South Africa will be tempted by the present low value of gold and the excessively high prices of her commodities to devalue her currency severely, thus giving the currency the new name of guilder.

That would make her definitely a hard currency country and the United Kingdom would be forced to clamp down on the movement of all capital there.

But this, according to the argument, would be very little of a very little British capital is now tempted to follow the £80,000,000 which already has gone there, and Dr. Daniel Malan (the prospective Prime Minister) will use this 'devaluation' with a great parade of Nationalist sentiment."

View Discounted But those in closest touch with official opinion, according to the Times, discount these views and argue that South Africa does not intend to remain in the sterling area in view of the close connections between the gold mining industry and London.

Supporting this view, although not specifically mentioned by the Financial Times, is the fact that the popular vote showed an actual majority in favour of retaining British connections.

In the Stock Market, meanwhile, gloom filled all sections as a result of the election, although an actual slump in prices was confined to South African gold shares.

The big mining and financial houses supported gold shares and prevented the slump reaching the dimensions of a market debacle, but the slump nevertheless wiped out some £25,000,000 in market values.

Index Figures Despite the support shares as Johannesburg fell 6 1/2 and on Beans nearly 2 1/2. The Financial Times index of gold shares closed at 122.74, which is a fall of 4.41 points, or an average daily value of 3.5 percent, fully colossal for a single day.

The Financial Times index of industrial shares remained all week within a narrow range marked by 120.4 and 120.5. While the gilt-edged index dropped off from 112.75 last week to 112.25—United Press.

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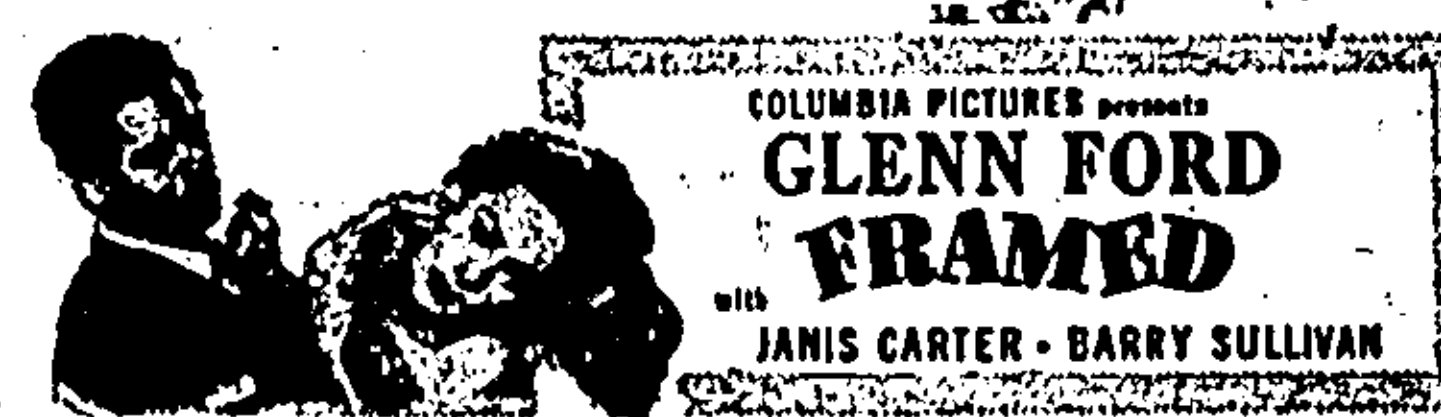


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UNITY MITFORD DIES IN OBAN: HITLER WORSHIPPER

Oban, Scotland, May 30.

Unity Freeman-Mitford, centre of a storm of speculation at the beginning of the war because of her friendship with Adolf Hitler, died on Saturday night at an Oban hospital. Miss Mitford, daughter of Baron Redesdale, was 33. She became ill a few days ago at the home of her parents on the Island of Inchkeneth, west of the Island of Mull.

In Germany, near Hitler's Berchtesgaden retreat at the beginning of the war, she was seriously wounded by a pistol shot in the head under circumstances never publicly explained.

She was unconscious for three weeks in a Munich hospital. Top German physicians attended her and on Christmas Eve 1939, Hitler arranged to send her home. On his orders an ambulance train took her to a French Channel port. And the British Government allowed her to join her family.

In England, Miss Mitford made a speedy recovery from her wound but there was never a detailed explanation—in Germany or in England—why she was shot or under what circumstances.

Her English friends said it was an accident. In Germany, it was known that she had seen Hitler on several occasions in the tense days immediately preceding the German attack on Poland and the British declaration of war on Germany. She had been one of his guests at his retreat in the Bavarian Alps.

"A Woman Fascist"

Miss Freeman-Mitford first went to Germany in 1935 when she was 20 to attend a Nazi summer festival.

She was accompanied by her sister Diana, who later married Sir Oswald Mosley, prewar British Fascist leader.

Unity was quoted in Germany at the time as saying she was a "woman Fascist" and she praised the Third Reich's Chancellor.

She first saw Hitler at a Nazi Party rally and was quoted after the occasion as saying: "At the first moment I saw him I knew there was no one in the world I'd rather meet."

Her German friends said she met him at a Munich beer garden and became his friend. She met and apparently won the approval of other high ranking Nazis including propaganda Minister Joseph Goebbels and Reich's Marshal Hermann Goering.

The French press in 1938 published lurid accounts of what they reported to be her last scene with Hitler. As war broke, Hitler, the French dispatch said, abused England and the English savagely in her presence. The account added that they quarrelled, and that she went to her hotel in a fit of depression. It was reported that she was found wounded and unconscious the next day by the hotel staff.

Although she recovered quickly in returning to England she found her movements greatly circumscribed because of her German experiences and relationship to Mosley, she was not permitted to go to her parents' home, on Inchkeneth Island which was a restricted zone. The ban was lifted in 1944 since when she had lived there quietly.

A friend of the family said her death was believed to have been due to meningitis.—Associated Press.

Woman Missing From Liner

Liverpool, May 30. A middle-aged woman bound from Canada for London vanished from the Cunard White Star liner Ascania in mid-Atlantic, it was disclosed when the vessel docked here today.

She was Mrs. E. W. S. Muir, who travelled from Winnipeg to Quebec by train to board the ship, complained of the effects of the railway journey, and entered the ship's hospital, from which she later disappeared.—Reuter.

TAXI-DANCERS' TRIAL ENDS

Shanghai, May 30. The legal right of the Special Criminal Tribunal to try 69 defendants allegedly involved in rioting at the Bureau of Social Affairs in Feb. was today contested by defence counsel at yesterday's afternoon session as the trial of the dance hostesses and cabaret employees came to a conclusion.—Reuter.

US Quotes Cases Against Russia

Washington, May 30.

Thirty-seven specific instances of alleged Russian disregard of pacts concerning Korea, Manchuria, Germany, Austria and Eastern and Southeastern Europe were listed by the State Department this weekend.

The catalogue was compiled in response to a resolution sponsored by 31 Senators requesting information about the treaty abuses by the Russians to which President Truman referred in an address to Congress on March 17.

Four violations were listed in connection with Korea, dealing with the Soviet's refusal to foster the pledged economic and political unity of the country.

In the case of Manchuria, the Soviet Union was indicted for violating agreements through the removal of military supplies and other material resources and obstructing Chinese reoccupation.

Efforts Blocked

In Germany, the Department said the Soviet Union had steadfastly blocked four-power efforts to threat Germany as a single economic unit, had suppressed non-Communist parties and choked off freedom of speech by suppression, intimidation and terrorism.

In the case of Poland, the State Department contended that the Soviet Union had prevented free elections by interfering in Poland's internal affairs.

In response to a query by the 31 Senators, the State Department said: "All political statements concluded at Potsdam to which the United States Government is a party are matters of public record; the only agreements which have not yet been disclosed were the military agreements concerning the conduct of military operations in the Pacific."—Reuter.

SIAM'S LOCH NESS MONSTER

Bangkok, May 31. Siam's equivalent of the Loch Ness monster—a giant crocodile—has reappeared.

A river boat coming from Singhaburi to Bangkok along the Menam Ghao Phay River has reported that it was delayed for an hour by a crocodile "stretching all the way across the river."

—Siamese legend has it that the giant crocodile, whose appearance is reported several times a year, is the spirit of a dead King of Siam.—Associated Press.

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Austria Between The Millstones

Vienna, May 30. Chancellor Leopold Figl said today that Austria was "a victim of international power politics which we cannot change nor influence."

He told a meeting at Maria Zell, a world famous place of Catholic pilgrimage, that even Russia the "one power which does not entertain friendly feelings toward Austria has clearly said there is no reason for further military occupation."

Yugoslavia's claims against Austria were "completely absurd and can only be explained by the enormous hatred this country entertains against us."

Figl said that the Austrian Government despite its "conciliatory" attitude could only resign if the Yugoslav claims were honoured.

"We must clearly tell our enemies 'up to our present frontiers and not an inch further.' Even Austria thence has certain limits," he said.—United Press.

United States Of Europe

Paris, May 30.

The International Committee for European Unity meeting here today called upon the delegates to the recent Congress of Europe Conference at The Hague to urge the adoption of the Conference's recommendation upon the Foreign Ministers of their countries.

A spokesman for the Committee said that copies of the resolutions passed at the Congress were being sent to Members of Parliament of all European countries.

It was also decided that the convocation of the European Assembly, for which The Hague Congress asked, should be the central feature of an intensive international campaign of popular meetings, Parliament action and general propaganda.—Reuter.

Nobel Prize For Gandhi?

Stuttgart, May 30.

Mahatma Gandhi, assassinated in Delhi on January 30, should be awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for 1948, he was suggested here today by Mr. Corder Catchpool, former head of the Berlin Quaker charitable organisation and Secretary of the wartime Committee for the Abolition of Night-bombing.

Mr. Catchpool was speaking at the closing meeting of the two-day annual Conference of the German branch of the War Resistance International, which attracted delegates from several European countries, and resolved to combat war and war preparations.—Reuter.

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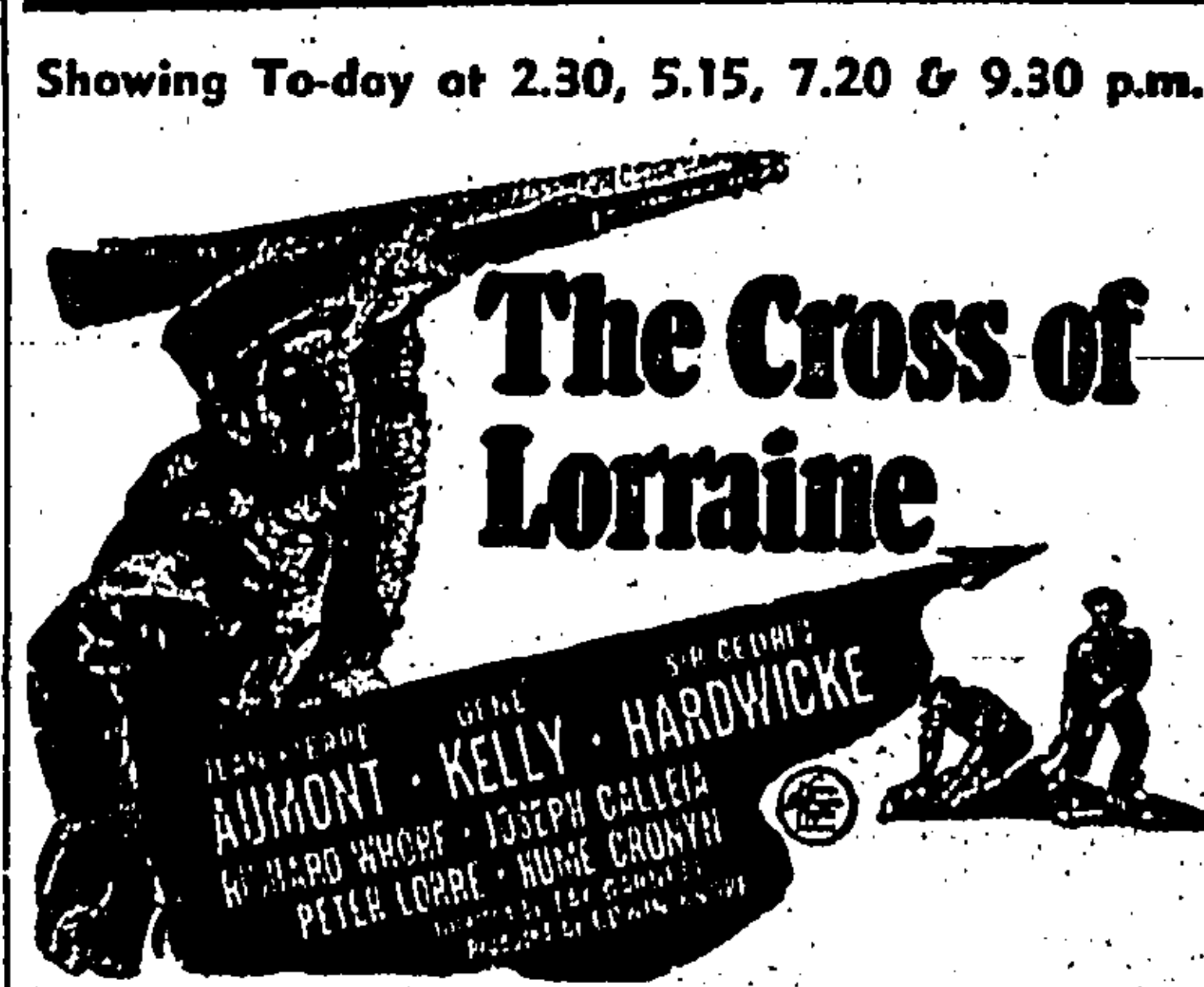
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DEBTOR-CREDITOR PROBLEMS

The Government's decision to proceed with the Debtor-Creditor Bill—it is to be given a first reading in the Legislative Council on Wednesday—by bringing the controversy out into the open will, at least, enable a clearer picture to be obtained of the nature of the conflict between the various interests involved, and permit a safer assessment of whether it genuinely provides a reasonable solution. Between the arguments, for and against, which have been voluminously expounded publicly and privately since the Bill was first produced in draft form, but one thing has emerged, beyond cavil. The dispute is sharp, as must be when large considerations are at stake, and Government's only role is that of self-elected arbitrator, satisfied that a compromise arrangement would be in the best interests of the Colony. In this respect, the banks, who are chiefly concerned on the one side of the settlement which is sought, have placed themselves in a powerful position from the viewpoint of public confidence, for it is evident that in accepting the form in which the proposed legislation is framed they have already conceded a substantial amount of ground. They have accepted the position, for instance, that the liquidation of Hong Kong dollar debts carried out in Hong Kong dollars during the early days of the Japanese occupation shall be validated, although they have obtained no part of the payments. Further, claims for interest have been modified to an extent which also represents an important concession. Whether this has gone as far as it might logically have done is, perhaps, another matter. There does appear to be something anomalous in a bank's claim for interest covering a period during which the bank was unable to function, and during which the debtor was unable to the then benefit of the bank—to save himself the accumulation of interest by redeeming the original debt. The point is clearly made in a further Ordinance published last week which lays it down that for the purpose of asserting a right—the collection of a debt incurred prior for instance—the period between December 7, 1941, and the commencement of the Ordinance shall be regarded as having had no legal existence. The Statute of Limitations, it says, in effect, shall apply as though the six intervening years were counted as one day. To the layman it must appear that, on this point, the two Ordinances are at variance. Assuming a bank were compelled to resort to the Courts to collect a pre-war debt within (according to them) the terms of the Debtor-Creditor Ordinance it still might be contended with some force that the Extension of Time Ordinance destroyed the legitimacy of a claim for interest. The specific provisions of the original Ordinance would not necessarily rule out the issue as a legal debating point. But this is digression. The matter can be dealt with directly on its merits and the claim to interest examined in all its aspects, seems a little thin.



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- The capture of Trondheim, and
- The capture of Narvik and the concentration of an adequate Allied force on the Swedish frontier.

The next day we talked about the dangers to the Dutch and Belgians and their refusal to take any common measures with us. We were very conscious that Italy might declare war upon us at any time, and various naval measures were to be concerted in the Mediterranean between Adml. Pound and Adml. Darlan.

To this meeting Gen. Sikorski, the head of the Provisional Polish Government, was also invited. He declared his ability to constitute a force of 100,000 men within a few months. Active steps were also being taken to recruit a Polish division in the United States.

At this meeting it was agreed also that if Germany invaded Holland the Allied armies should at once advance into Belgium without further approaches to the Belgian Government; and that the R.A.F. could bomb the German marshalling-yards and the oil refineries in the Ruhr.

When we got back from the Conference I was so much concerned at the complete failure, not only of our efforts against the enemy, but of our methods of conducting the war, that I wrote as follows to the Prime Minister:

Being anxious to sustain you to the best of my ability, I must warn you that you are approaching a head-on smash in Norway.

I am very grateful to you for having, at my request, taken over the day-to-day management of the Military Co-ordination (Committee), etc. I think I ought, however, to let you know that I shall not be willing to receive that task back from you without the necessary powers.

At present no one has the power. There are six Chiefs of Staff, three Ministers and Gen. Ismay, who all have a voice in Norwegian operations (apart from Narvik). But no one is responsible for the creation and direction of military policy except yourself.

If you feel able to bear this burden, you may count upon my unwavering loyalty as First Lord of the Admiralty. If you do not feel you can bear it, with all your other duties, you will have to delegate your powers to a Deputy who can concert and direct the general movement of our war action, and who will enjoy your support and that of the War Cabinet unless your good reason is shown to the contrary.

Before I could send it off I received the following message from the Prime Minister:

April 24, 1940.

I have been thinking over the Scandinavian situation and the rather unsatisfactory position in which it stands. I don't feel that I put your whole mind in Committee, and should very much like to discuss it all with you in private.

I can't manage it before 7 as I have to see the King. Could you spare the time to come across to Downing-street after dinner, say at 9.30?

I have no record of what passed at our conversation, which was of a most friendly character. I am sure I put the points in my unsent letter, and that the Prime Minister agreed with their force and justice. He had every wish to give me the powers of direction for which I asked, and there was no kind of personal difficulty between us. He had, however, to consult and persuade a number of important personages.

(On May 1, Mr. Chamberlain circulated to the Cabinet a lengthy memorandum, giving Mr. Churchill (as deputy-chairman of the Military Co-ordination Committee) closer relations with the Chiefs of Staff Committee and creating a new Central Staff under Gen. Ismay to assist him).

I could not convene and preside over the meetings of the Chiefs of Staff Committee, without whom nothing could be done, and I was made responsible formally for giving guidance and directions to them. Gen. Ismay, the Senior Staff Officer in charge of the Central Staff, was made a full member of the Chiefs of Staff Committee.

The Chiefs of Staff were to a large extent made responsible to me in their collective capacity, and as a deputy of the Prime

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Minister I could nominally influence with authority their decisions and policies. On the other hand, it was only natural that their primary loyalties should be to their own Prime Ministers, who would have been less than human if they had not felt some resentment at the delegation of a part of their authority to one of their colleagues.

Moreover, it was expressly laid down in the Memorandum that my responsibilities were to be discharged on behalf of the Military Co-ordination Committee. I was thus to have immense responsibilities, without effective power in my own hands to discharge them. Nevertheless I had a feeling that I might be able to make the new organisation work.

It was destined to last a week. But my personal and official connection with Gen. Ismay and his relation to the Chiefs of Staff Committee was preserved unbroken and unweakened from May 1, 1940, to July 27, 1945, when I laid down my charge.

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We had to comfort ourselves as best we might by a series of successful evacuations. Failure at Trondheim stalemate at Narvik. Such in the first week of May were the only results we could show to our British nation, to our Allies, and to the neutral world, friendly or hostile.

Considering the prominent part I played in these events and the impossibility of explaining the difficulties by which we had been overcome, or the defects of our Governmental organisation and our methods of conducting war, it was a marvel that I survived and maintained my position in public esteem and Parliamentary confidence.

This was due to the fact that for six or seven years I had predicted with truth the course of events, and given ceaseless warnings, then unheeded but now remembered.

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This phase proved most harmful to the Allies. From the moment when Stalin made terms with Hitler, the Communists in France took their cue from Moscow and denounced the war as "an imperialist and capitalist crime against democracy." They did what they could to undermine morale in the Army and impede production in the workshops.

Nothing like this happened in Britain, where Soviet-directed Communism, though busy, was weak. Nevertheless we were still a party Government, under a Prime Minister from whom the Opposition was bitterly estranged, and without the ardent and positive help of the trade union movement.

The sedate, sincere but routine character of the Administration did not evoke that intense effort, either in the governing circles or in the munition factories, which was vital. The stroke of catastrophe and the spur of peril were needed to call forth the dormant might of the British

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Poets Force Wavell Into Retreat

London, May 30.
Field Marshal Lord Wavell, VC—Britain's great soldier and former Viceroy of India—is today a casualty in a new war—about poetry.

Faced with a civil war between "modern" and "diehards" among the 3,000 members of the Poetry Society, Earl Wavell underestimated the enemy—and resigned his position as President.

The battle, fought with harsh, unpoetic words, stubborn silences and resignations, will now be decided with paper.

Ballot forms have gone out to all members to get their votes on whether or not an enquiry should be held into the quarrel. The central figure in the storm is blonde, petite, 30-year-old Mrs. Muriel Spark, mother of a 10-year-old boy.

The dauntless supporter for the moderns is the Society's veteran 80-year-old Brigadier Sir George Cockfield. He writes sonnets—in the "old fashioned way."

Herself a poetess, Mrs. Spark became Secretary of the Society a year ago and edited its Journal, the "Poetry Review." In her very first editorial she offended Britain's orthodox poets by a spirited defence of the modern poetry which conservative-minded critics declare is unreadable, artificial, and almost impossible to understand.

Ventured To Pay

She follows that up by encouraging young unknown poets to contribute to the magazine and also took the unprecedented step of paying them for their contributions.

Now the verdict of the ballot box is awaited.

Mrs. Spark is confident there won't be an enquiry. "I shall just go ahead the way I'm doing," she said.—Reuter.

Battle was joined between the "moderns" and the "diehards." The more orthodox poets felt they were being cold shouldered. The Society's Chairman, Mr. H. W. Harington, took up their case and called for the resignation of the Secretary.

Mrs. Spark countered by suggesting the Chairman should quit. The Council of the Society refused to sack the Secretary and Mr. Harington went.

Earl Wavell, a poetry lover and a compiler of an anthology called "Other Men's Flowers," intervened with the suggestion that, to keep the peace, both Mrs. Spark and Mr. Harington should resign.

His advice was not accepted—so he, too, resigned.

Stormy Meeting

The annual meeting recently was the stormiest in the Society's history and the language was anything but poetical. Mr. Harington's supporters called for a referendum into the whole affair.

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By Dick Turner



"I'm glad Maybelle took up knitting—it gives her something to think about while she's talking."

RETURN ENGAGEMENT

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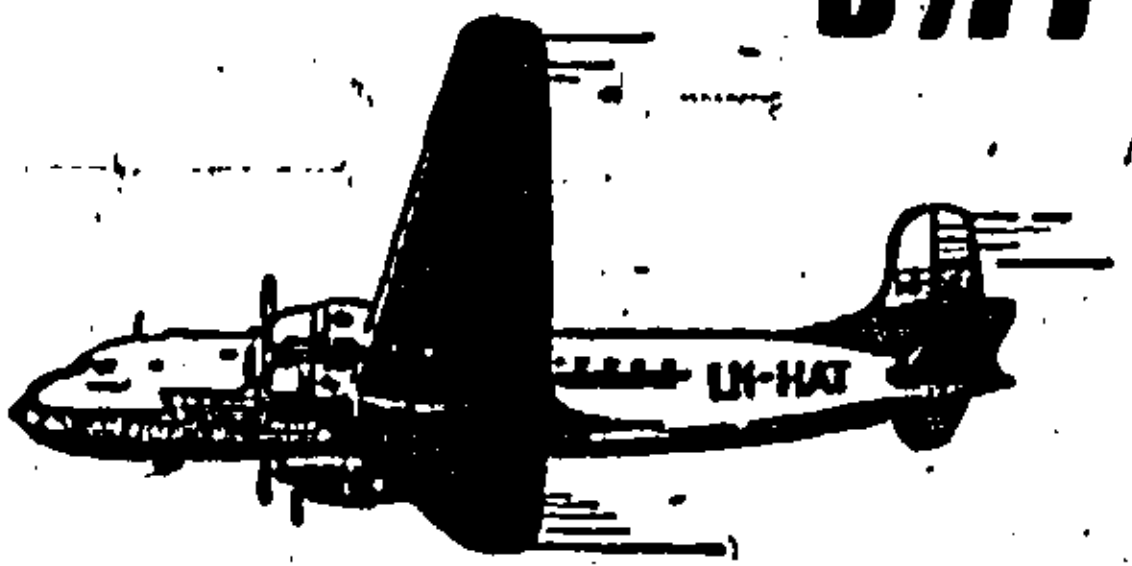
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RECALL ORDERS FOR BRITONS

To Withdraw From Legion At Midnight

Bitter Fighting Still Going On In Palestine

London, May 30.

All officers seconded from the British Army to King Abdullah's Arab Legion will be withdrawn from Palestine at midnight tonight, it was announced in Amman, Transjordan's capital.

Chaliapin May Be Buried In Russia

Paris, May 30. A Chaliapin family council is to meet here next month to decide on the removal of the great singer's remains from Paris to either a grave in the Soviet Union or in a Russian cemetery near Paris, Reuter learned today.

The proposal to take the remains to Russia, it is understood, has the unofficial backing of Soviet Embassy circles here. It is believed the Kremlin would willingly agree to receive the remains and have them reinterred in a manner befitting a great Russian artist.

Ever since 1938, when Fedor Ivanovich Chaliapin, one of the greatest bass singers of all time, was buried in a French cemetery in Paris, there have been plans to find for the remains of the Russian artist another resting place. The present grave was always considered a temporary one.

The Paris grave has been badly neglected. During the war, Chaliapin's near relatives left Paris and there was no one to tend it properly. Members of the family returned to Paris for the recent celebration of the 10th anniversary of Chaliapin's death.—Reuter.

Meanwhile, bitter Palestine fighting continued tonight, with both Jews and Arabs silent on truce prospects, a little more than 48 hours before the deadline set by the Security Council in its latest cease-fire call.

Neither side gave any indication of its reaction to the latest peace appeal, based on a strengthened British resolution and adopted by the Council last night.

The new resolution called for a one-month cease-fire while the United Nations discussed Palestine further. It was adopted after failure of an American-backed Russian resolution calling for United Nations sanctions if both sides did not cease firing within 30 hours.

Jews and Arabs were told to send their replies to Lake Success by midnight tomorrow. Other provisions of the resolution were:

1. No arms to be taken into Palestine or the Arab states within the next month.
2. Cessation of entry of fighting men into Palestine or Arab countries. Jews of military age introduced to Palestine during the month are not to receive military training.

Drive On Tel-Aviv
While a Jewish Government spokesman at Tel Aviv said tonight that his Government had not received the details of the Lake Success decision, Arabs were strengthening their drive on the Jewish capital.

Transjordan forces were reported to have reached Lydda and Ramleh, only 13 miles to the east of the city. This tightened the Arab Legion link-up with irregular Arab forces as both are Arab towns.

Three Egyptian forces were only 28 miles to the South. An Egyptian National Defence Ministry communiqué last night announced the capture of Lydda, north of Gaza, after a bitter battle against the Jewish defenders.

Jerusalem Bottle

In Jerusalem, the beleaguered Jews of the New City still held fast. Arab mortar shells rained down on the tired defenders, now short of food and water. The Jews claimed the Arabs were using phosphorous bombs in an attempt to force New Jerusalem. Jewish relief attempts were still foiled by the Arabs and their grip on the road to Tel Aviv, vital Jewish lifeline.—Reuter.

Not Satisfactory

Arab sources said that the arms embargo features of the new cease-fire plan were not satisfactory because it would prevent the Arab states from importing armaments for the next four weeks while Israeli officers could stockpile them in places outside Palestine.

Israel's reaction to the United Nations appeal was also bitter. Jewish officials consider the cease-fire plan to be loaded heavily in favour of the Arab states.

Israeli officials argue that the Arabs have been able to build up sizable stockpiles of armaments while the new Jewish state had just begun assembling the tools of war.

The theoretical threat of economic or even military punishment hangs over both sides, but there is a tendency among Arab and Israeli officials to believe that the Security Council never is likely to agree on anything with teeth in it as far as the Holy Land is concerned.

If that turns out to be the case, it is pointed out, the issue can be decided only by force of Arab and Israeli arms.—United Press.

Harrow Boy Tragedy

London, May 30.

Seventeen-year-old Hugh Thompson of Harrow rose to schoolboy fame a year ago when he was high scorer in the big cricket match against Malvern.

On Friday, he found that he would not be included on the Harrow team to face Malvern the next day.

A few hours later the youth was found hanging in the school bathroom. An inquest will be held on Monday.

The Saturday match was later called off because of rain.—United Press.

CROSSMAN ATTACKS BEVIN POLICY

London, May 30.

Richard Crossman, Left Wing Labour Member of Parliament, charged today that the British cease-fire Palestine plan represented a "peace offensive" against the Jews even more dangerous than the Arab invasion.

Crossman, leader of the faction which revolted last year against Mr. Bevin's foreign policy, renewed his blasts against Bevin in a "Sunday Pictorial" article.

He charge Bevin was strongly influenced by advisers who "are either romantically pro-Arab in the tradition of R. E. Lawrence or viciously prejudiced against the Jews or both."

The new British Palestine proposal adopted last night at Lake Success is "a very clever continuation of this pro-Arab line," Crossman said.

"In fact this is a British 'peace offensive' against the Jews even more dangerous than the Arab invasion."

Crossman said that the Palestine crisis had bred a crop of rumors that Bevin might resign but these rumors were "just nonsense."

He added: "If the Cabinet ever does decide—it has not done so yet—we have got to change horses in Palestine and Mr. Bevin will perform the acrobatics himself."—United Press.

Pemba Fires Unsolved

Melbourne, May 30.

Five mysterious fires on board the British-India freighter Pemba (7,400 tons) have baffled Australian fire experts, and the cause of the outbreaks was still unknown when the ship left here today for East Africa.

Four of the fires occurred during the vessel's nine-week stay in Melbourne, and one earlier in Sydney.

Australian waterfront police suspected saboteurs of trying to sink the ship. After the last fire, which had occurred earlier this month, the owners offered a \$100 reward for information leading to a conviction.

At one stage, the police expected to make an arrest when it was discovered that a bunch of keys to the hold had been found before one of the outbreaks.—Reuter.

NEW RABBI

London, May 30.

United Synagogue delegates unanimously elected Rabbi Israel Brodie as Chief Rabbi of the United Hebrew Congregation of the British Commonwealth and Empire at a London conference today.

He succeeded the late Dr. Heron.—Reuter.

Weizmann Sails For Europe

New York, May 30.

Doctor Chaim Weizmann, who is aboard the Mauretania on route for Europe, is ready to assume his role as President of the New State of Israel.

Before he sailed, he expressed the hope that his country would live in friendship with the Arabs and Great Britain.

He said he and his wife, who is sailing with him, will spend several weeks in Paris before proceeding to Palestine. Mrs. Weizmann told newsmen they had decided against staying in London because of Britain's stand on the Palestine issue.

"It is a sense of chagrin for us that the country we owe so much to and which we have given the best we had, has failed to recognize Israel," she said.

Doctor and Mrs. Weizmann are still British citizens. They will become Israeli citizens on reaching the Holy Land.—Associated Press.

Sudan Talks Near End

Cairo, May 30.

Highly secret Anglo-Egyptian negotiations on the constitutional future of the Sudan, in progress since May 11, were tonight expected to be concluded within the next few days.

Both British and Egyptian official circles were fully confident the outcome would be successful.

Mr. Chapman Andrews, the British Minister to Egypt, told reporters after a meeting with the Egyptian Foreign Minister, Ahmed Khushaba Pasha, that the discussions were almost complete and he hoped a decision would be made this evening by the Council of Ministers.—Reuter.

ORDER FOR TRUCE RECEIVED

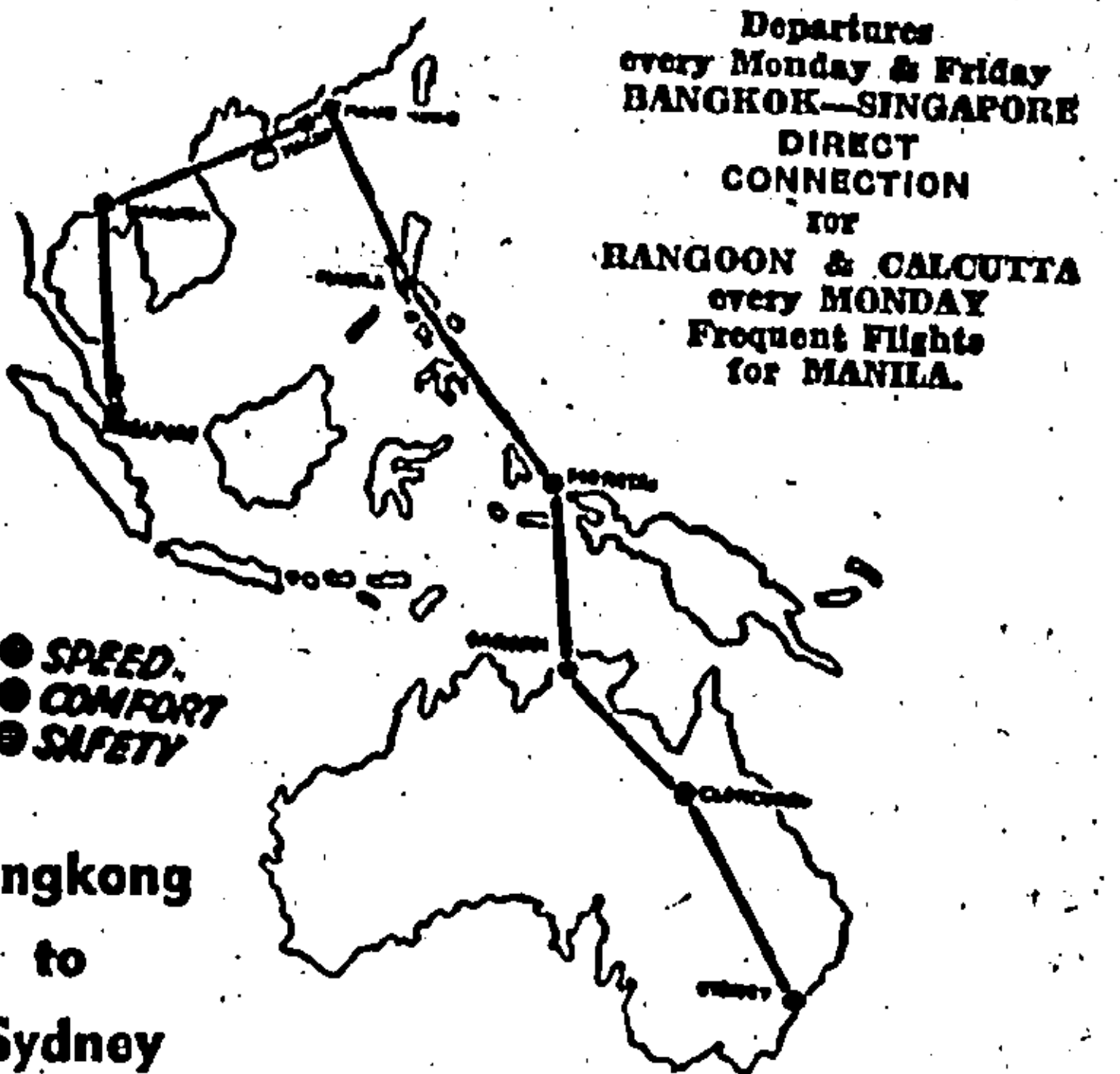
Cairo, May 30.

The Egyptian Government received official notification of the United Nations Security Council's order for a truce in Palestine.

Azzam Pasha, the Secretary General of the Arab League, was reported to have discussed the order with Count Polke Bernadotte, the mediator appointed by the United Nations.

It was learned on reliable authority that the order will be discussed tomorrow by the Political Committee of the League.—Reuter.

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CZECH "ELECTIONS" OVER

Gottwald Government Gains Its "Victory"

Secrecy Of Ballot Destroyed

Prague, May 30.

A victory for the Communist-dominated National Front was a foregone conclusion tonight as the counting began after daylong voting in Czechoslovakia's first general election since the change of regime in February.

Results from one-fifth of the administrative districts in the Czech lands showed 11 per cent against the National Front, and 89 per cent in favour. The Government support was higher in the industrial and urban districts. But in some small villages, blank ("Opposition") voting papers reached 50 per cent.

The figures were: The National Front 844,192, blank votes 103,029; in Lidice, destroyed by the Germans in the war, everyone of the 192 inhabitants supported the Government.

Voters had the choice of either voting for the single list of Government candidates or returning blank forms, and the extent of the Government victory was evident in the first results available.

In nine wards, the number of voters who returned blank forms was under one percent, and in another nine the proportion was under 10 per cent.

Two villages produced more than 20 per cent of the blank votes.

The polling was "half secret" since many voters ignored the screens and voted in view of election officials. In some booths, screens were so placed that there could be no secret votes.

The blank votes were the only means voters had of registering opposition to the National Front single list, which represents the Government of the Communist Premier, M. Klement Gottwald.

"In Later Stages"

The Czech news agency, in its English language broadcast tonight, said that blank votes had "become apparent in the later stages of the counting" and that they were 50 per cent of the total in some small villages.

Results from 54 administrative districts gave the Government 1,304,351 votes against 101,905 blank votes. These figures showed an 11 per cent blank vote, but the count did not include invalid votes, which would reduce the Government's total. A group of voters from Slovakia, outside the main towns, showed approximately a 20 per cent anti-Government vote. From five rural districts, the totals were: National Front 57,221, blank votes 13,884.

From 12 Prague districts, the Government obtained 94,847 against 5,181 blank votes.

Hopes Destroyed

The only point to be determined by the count is how many voters returned the blank paper. A widespread lack of facilities for the secret vote destroyed any Opposition hopes of a show of strength.

Branded in advance as traitors who would "lead the nation back to Munich," the Opposition were given few chances to vote in secrecy—and therefore in safety. In very few places could a blank vote be cast without being seen by election committees, made up of Communist Action Committee nominees.

Rightly or wrongly, voters believed that a secret vote would automatically qualify them as anti-Government, and "enemies of the Republic." Those who did use the screens were in most cases obliged to give away their choice by discarding the unused voting slip into an open waste paper basket in full view of the committee.

In many villages, the voters marched to the polls under Communist leadership to the music of bands and voted publicly.

Mass Votes

National Front voters in the border area of Teschen made a mass demonstration of voting for the Government. In Ostrava and Kosice, the garrison, led by their officers, marched to the booths and voted publicly.

GERMANY'S GREAT TRAGEDY

Paderborn, Westphalia, May 30. Dr. Karl Arnold, Premier of the British Zone province of North Rhine-Westphalia, asked here today for the establishment of a government for the whole of Germany.

Leading politicians from the Eastern Zone must be included, he added. Germany's great tragedy, he said, was that three years had elapsed without a peace settlement and not the loss of the war.

Prague Radio announced that people "nearly everywhere" had voted in public because "Government supporters did not believe it necessary to hide," but there was no way of knowing how many insincere votes hid Opposition sympathies.

In small villages, where Action Committees know personal political viewpoints, there was often a 100 per cent pro-Government vote. The best conducted booth was in a predominantly Communist industrial town, where screens ensured genuine privacy of vote. At least one-third of the voters cast their papers secretly, many of them with blank forms.

President Benes did not vote today, the Czechoslovak news agency reported tonight. The agency added that the President did not vote in the 1946 elections either.—Reuter.

Holiday Death Toll

New York, May 30. The police fear that America's bank holiday weekend death toll may total nearly 400 before the nation goes back to work on Tuesday. More than 100 died on Saturday in car crashes, drownings and other accidents, and highways will be jammed tomorrow, which is Memorial Day in honour of those who died in the defence of the United States.—Reuter.

Jet Engine Released

Washington, May 30. The engine used in America's leading type of jet fighter plane—the Lockheed 80 Shooting Star—has been released by the United States Air Force for use in commercial aircraft. The engine, known as J-3-21, is built by the Allison Division of General Motors. It is based on the original British jet design produced by Air Commodore Whittle. It is considered unlikely that commercial manufacturers will use it for anything but experimental work, since its short-range characteristic made it impractical for present-day transport.—Reuter.

INDIA'S STERLING BALANCES

Important Talks Opening

London, May 30.

Talks on India's sterling balances, computed to be in the region of £1,200 million, will begin in London on an expert level tomorrow.

A large and distinguished delegation, consisting of the greatest financial brains in the Government of India, has arrived in London, headed by the Indian Finance Minister, Mr. R. K. Shanmukham Chetty, and the Governor of the Reserve Bank of India, Sir Chintaman D. Deshmukh.

It will be about June 7 before the talks reach the high level bringing Mr. Chetty and Sir Chintaman Deshmukh into conference with the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Stafford Cripps, and leading figures of the Bank of England.

But the Indian delegation will be meeting the Prime Minister, Mr. Clement Attlee, and members of the Cabinet informally within the next few days.

The sterling balances accumulated during the war, when the Indian subcontinent became, for the British and American armies, the greatest supply base the world had ever known.

The British Government could have raised loans in India and paid for them in the ordinary way. Instead, it chose to deposit sterling in London while the Reserve Bank of India issued currency which immediately went into circulation.

Price For Stores

At the end of the war, the Indian Government took over the entire military stores and installations which the British Government had built up on the subcontinent.

The price for these stores and installations had not yet been fixed, and the present delegation's first talks is to decide, in consultation with the Treasury, the War Office and other British Government departments, what that price ought to be. This will reduce the sterling balances.

A further item, the extent of which is known, is the £8,000,000 which the Government of India has to remit for the payment of pensions to British civil, military, naval, and air force officers who have retired.

It was likely that the Indian delegation would try to convert these pensions into annuities, reducing the annual sum which would taper down as the years pass. After a few minor items have been disposed of, the delegation will tackle the question of what can be done with the remaining pounds.

No Scaling Down

The Indian Finance Minister today emphasized that the sterling balances were not a war debt, but money which the Reserve Bank of India, an independent shareholders' institution, had deposited in the Bank of England for the "convenience" of ordinary banking business.

Girl Held On Murder Charge

Pittsburgh, May 30.

Murder charges have been placed against a 17-year-old bobby-soxer who told the police she felled her aunt with a flower-pot during a violent argument and then burned her alive.

Dressed gaudily in a striped jersey and blue jeans stencilled with arrow-pierced hearts, Dolores Waldo calmly admitted slaying Mrs. Gertrude Norris, 61, with whom she had lived for only two weeks.

Dolores said her aunt nagged her constantly over dating boys and they had fought heatedly yesterday over money matters. She said Mrs. Norris slapped her when she hesitated in obeying an order to light the water heater in the basement.

"I went into the basement and she began screaming at me again," she continued. "I grabbed a flower-pot and hit her on the head with it. She crumbled and fell with her head against the hot water heater. She didn't say anything. I thought she was dead."

Radio patrolmen, sent to the house when neighbours reported the noisy quarrel, broke open the locked door and found Mrs. Norris ablaze in the basement. She died three hours later in hospital.—United Press.

White Russians Perturbed

Shanghai, May 31.

Immigration restrictions barring White Russians and other political refugees were attacked by the Chairman of the local Russian Emigrants Association, Mr. G. K. Bologoff, at the Association's annual meeting yesterday.

He deplored the fact that the 30-year-old march of Russian emigrants on the road of "blood and tears" had failed to secure for themselves understanding and justice, if not "the full recognition and protection of the world democracies."

He warned the democratic world that it might suffer the same fate as the White Russians unless "the Russian problem" is solved.

Bologoff did not mention Soviet Russia by name in his speech but there was no doubt whom he condemned as "godless aggressors," "offenders against heaven."

He stressed the necessity for establishment of a Russian central organisation abroad and suggested the United States as an ideal location. He praised the American people for permitting entry of 100,000 displaced persons a year and hoped other countries would do the same.

Central and City Government officials were among the 2,000 persons present at the meeting.—Reuter.

Must Make Democracy Work

Hyde Park, N.Y., May 30.

The Supreme Court Justice William O. Douglas said today that "Americans must dispel post-war fears by bold, vigorous action to make democracy work."

"If we, who loved Franklin Roosevelt, would honour him, we must take the lead in dispelling fear by coming to grips with the problems of our time," he said. His speech was at the unveiling of a plaque in memory of the late President at St. James Episcopal Church, where Roosevelt worshipped.

Douglas said: "We must no more balk at novel ideas of world Government, mass education, guarantee annual wages, than he (Roosevelt) balked at the creation of radical instruments to handle the prices that tumbled on the heels of the depression in the early thirties."

"We must follow his example and put our inventive genius to work for it. We do no more than cling to our traditional concepts of political management, we will be left in the 'backwash' of the world."—Associated Press.

Havana, May 29. The British-owned United Fruitways of Cuba announced today that it had filed "a protective measure" a court suit against the Government's plans to take over the railways.—Associated Press.

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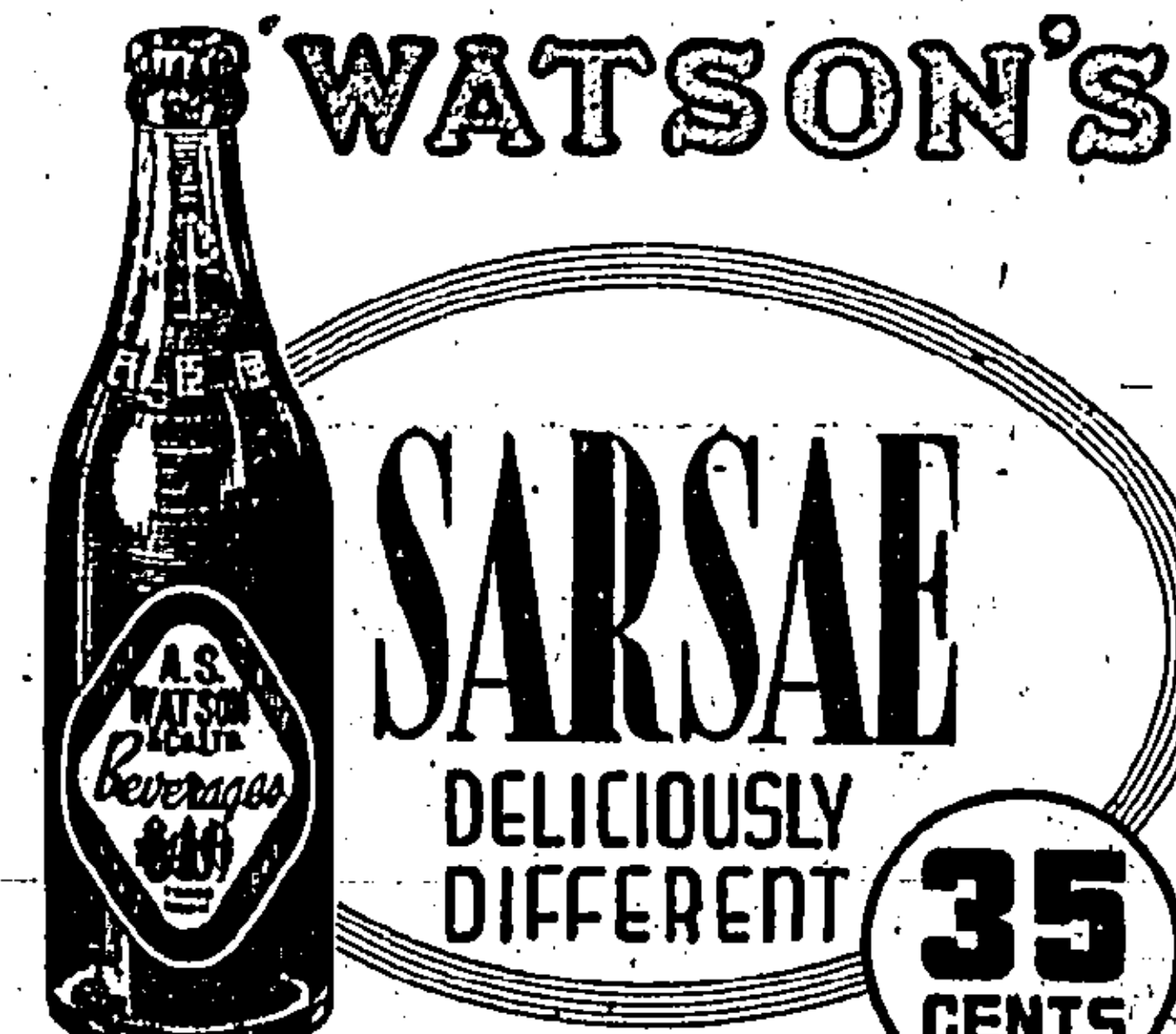
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SHANGHAI TRADE FEARS

Foreign Business Men Anxious Over ECA

Lapham Mission Now On Way Out

Washington, May 30.

It is evident here that American and other businessmen in China are becoming increasingly concerned about what effect the Economic Cooperation Administration's China Aid Programme will have upon their respective ventures in the Far East.

The feeling is growing among Far East businessmen that ECA will allow the major portions of its US\$338,000,000 for economic purposes to be spent through Chinese channels.

Foreign traders in China express fears that if such a policy is followed their businesses may slacken.

Roger Lapham, chief of the ECA mission to China, and other ECA officials here have said on various occasions that private trade channels will be used for exercising the China economic programme.

However, it is felt among businessmen interested in the Orient that ECA officials incline to the view that support of the Nanking Government and economic assistance for it are fundamental aims of the ECA in China and that methods of effecting these aims are primarily within the province of the Chinese Government.

Financing Role

In this latter consideration, foreign business interests see the probability that the Chinese Government will propose that ECA acquisitions be made through Chinese channels, with the ECA thus being relegated

largely to merely financing purchases and assisting the Chinese in their disposition.

It is believed many millions of ECA money will be allotted to the rehabilitation of the Canton-Hankow Railway. Foreign businessmen see in this the likelihood that the Nanking Ministry of Communications may seek to make the necessary purchases, thereby eliminating American and other importers in China.

Universal Trading Corporation, also is mentioned as a likely channel through which heavy ECA purchases might be made for China, thereby further eliminating foreign importers in China from any share in the programme.

Purchasing Agency

Supposedly, informed sources say, the Universal Trading Corporation is the Nanking Government's purchasing agency operating in New York City. US businessmen say the US Government has been trying to eliminate foreign government purchasing agencies in the US, but that the

Knew Too Much Allegation

Bombay, May 30.

The "Free Government" of General Markos, the Greek guerrilla leader, alleged today that Mr. George Polk, the American radio reporter, was murdered "on a hint from the American Secret Police in Greece."

Mr. Polk's body, bound hand and foot, was washed ashore at Salonika on May 16. A guerrilla communiqué, quoted by Tanjug, the Yugoslav news agency, said the murder had been carried out on guerrilla territory in order to charge the partisans with the responsibility for it.

Universal Trading Corporation claims it is an American corporation.

So it continues to operate, allegedly handling purchases for the Nanking Government and also for private Chinese purchasers of American products.

American and other foreign businessmen in China apparently are contending that all imports should be handled through them. However, it is known that various American manufacturers occasionally deal directly with Chinese purchasers, even though these manufacturers have representatives in China.

Lapham Mission

Mr. Lapham has left for San Francisco en route to Shanghai. Before leaving here he indicated the personnel of the Stillman group had not yet been determined and probably would not be until next week.

It appears likely that Lapham, Stillman and their associates will travel to China together.

It is learned that the Lapham Mission to China may include 100 persons when finally organized, most of them to be taken on in China from the present American relief mission there and other sources.—Associated Press.

CHINESE NAVY

Gibraltar, May 30.
The 5,270-ton light cruiser Chungking and the 1,000-ton destroyer Jinglu—the Aurora and Mendip before they were transferred from the British to the Chinese Navy at Portsmouth on May 18—arrived here today on their way to China.—Reuter.

UN ECAFE GATHERING

Bombay, May 30.

The third and most important session of the United Nations Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East opens on Tuesday at Colaba, a hill station near here and former headquarters of the Madras Government.

The inaugural ceremony will be performed by Pandit Nehru, Indian Premier, in the richly-furnished ballroom of Arranmore Palace, summer residence of the Maharajah of Jodhpur.

The main item facing the 150 delegates from 18 Asiatic countries will be the planning of Asia's economic development from reports submitted by experts.

A controversial issue is the application by the Indonesian Republic for associate membership of the Commission. The Netherlands has insisted that Indonesia's international relationships must be handled at The Hague.

The Commission's Chairman for the session is expected to be Dr. John Mathai, India's Transport Minister and well-known economist, who will also lead the Indian delegation.

Sir Andrew Clow, head of the British delegation, has already arrived at Colaba, and Dr. Henry Grady, the American chief delegate, Mr. Kiril Novikov, of Russia, Dr. C. M. Li, of China, and M. H. D. Maut, of France, are due tomorrow.—Reuter.

Pope And Hungarians

Rome, May 30.

The Pope told Hungarian Catholics tonight that the Christian religion placed them on a "plane of nobility and excellence" that reached the fullness of its splendour in an hour when those who would deny the name and majesty of God attempt to delude you through cunning and falsehood.

He was broadcasting on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Eucharistic Congress in Budapest.

The Pope added that "spiritual values for which we live above all else if we wish to maintain our human race, look forward to a victory."—Reuter.

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"TREVAN"	U.K. and Continent	2nd Aug.
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SHIP	TO	SAILING
"TREVAN"	Singapore, Penang, Aden, Port Said, Genoa, Marseilles, London, Antwerp, Rotterdam (Amsterdam) Hamburg	1st June
"ORBITA"	Shanghai & Japan	2nd June
"TREVAN"	Shanghai & Japan	21st June
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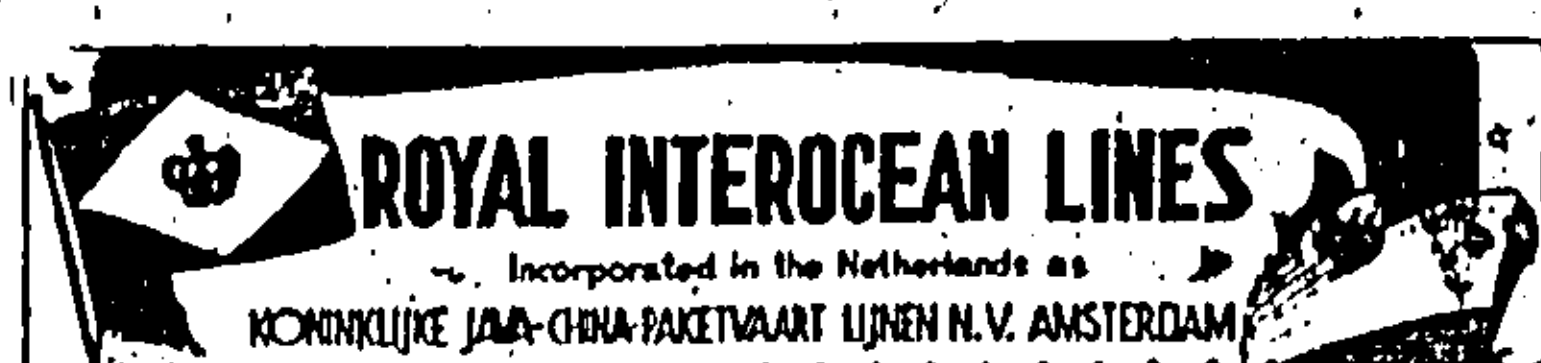
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"TJITJALENGKA" from Macassar & Javaports 22nd June.	to Javaports & Macassar, 7th July.

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Arrivals	Salings
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	Early July	m.v. "TONGHAI"
	Late July	m.v. "MINDORO"
ARRIVALS		
From	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	17th June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
	Mid. July	m.v. "DONA NATI"
SAILINGS		
For	Date	Vessel
Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles	23rd June	s.s. "DONA AURORA"
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3 1/2% Loan (1934) 10 1/2, 10 1/4
3 1/2% Loan (1934) 10 1/2, 10 1/4
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H.K. & S. Bank 21 1/2, 21 1/4, 21 1/2
(Loan, Reg.) 21 1/2
Chartered Bank 21 1/2, 21 1/4
Mercantile Bank A. & C. 21 1/2
Bank of East Asia 14 1/2
INSURANCES:
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Union Ins. 7 1/2, 7 1/4
China Underwriters 6 1/2
H.K. Fire Ins. 2 1/2
SHIPPING:
Hougaard 2 1/2
H.K. & M. Steamships 1 1/2
Indo China (Prof.) X.D. 2 1/2
(Indo.) X.D. 2 1/2
Shells (Heavy) 3 1/2
U. Waterhouse 3 1/2
DOCKERS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, ETC.:
H.K. & S. Wharves (U) 1 1/2
(N) (P. 14) 1 1/2
H.K. Docks 2 1/2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2
China Dockyards 2 1/2, 2 1/4
Shanghai Dockyards 2 1/2
MINING:
Kant Mines 5 1/2
H.K. Mines 5 1/2
LANDS, HOTELS & BLDGS.:
H. & S. Hotels 1 1/2, 1 1/4
H.K. Lands 2 1/2, 2 1/4
Shanghai Lands 5 1/2, 5 1/4
Hougaard Estate 2 1/2
H.K. Real Estate 1 1/2
PUBLIC UTILITIES:
H.K. Tramways 2 1/2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2
Peak Tram (U) 2 1/2
(New) 1 1/2
Star Ferry 1 1/2, 1 1/4, 1 1/2
C. Lights (Old) 2 1/2, 2 1/4, 2 1/2
(New) 2 1/2
H.K. Electric 4 1/2, 4 1/4, 4 1/2
Macan Electric 2 1/2
Sindakan Lights 1 1/2
Telephone 4 1/2, 4 1/4, 4 1/2
Shanghai Gas 5 1/2
INDUSTRIALS:
Cold. Macc. (Ord.) 2 1/2
Canton Ind. 3 1/2
Cement 4 1/2, 4 1/4, 4 1/2
H.K. Ropes 2 1/2
STONES &c.:
Dairy Farms (Ord.) 5 1/2, 5 1/4
Wahpa (Ord.) 5 1/2, 5 1/4, 5 1/2
(New) 5 1/2, 5 1/4, 5 1/2
Lane, Crawford 5 1/2
Sincere 4 1/2
China Emporium 12 1/2
Sun Co., Ltd. 5 1/2
Kwong Sang Hong 1 1/2, 1 1/4
Wing On (H.K.) X.D. 1 1/2
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H.K. Constructions (O) 6 1/2 (N) 5 1/2
Vibro Piling X. All 5 1/2 (H.K.) 4 1/2
Maraman Investments 15 1/2
Maraman (H.K.) 1 1/2
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Ewos 2 1/2
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Consolidated Rubbers 2 1/2
Kata Rubber 2 1/2
Padang Rubbers 1 1/2
Rubber Trust 4 1/2
Samarang Rubbers 1 1/2
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Certificates To Be Permitted

Shanghai, May 31.

Minister of Finance and concurrently Governor of the Central Bank, Mr. O. K. Yui, announced last night that present foreign exchange open market rates, fixed by the Foreign Exchange Equalisation Board, will be supplemented by a system of exchange surrender certificates.

This, Mr. Yui stressed, was an important modification of the present foreign exchange system which is heartily supported by the entire Chinese and foreign business community.

With the introduction of this new system, the much-criticized Circular 131—calling for 50 per cent marginal deposit on imports and settlement of foreign exchange only after arrival of the cargo—will automatically cease functioning.

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Motor Industry Wages Up

Detroit, May 31.
General Motors Corporation said it planned no "immediate change in the last prices of its automobiles as a result of an 11 cent in wage increase to its 225,000 employees.

"All elements of cost are being studied in an effort to maintain this policy," President C. E. Wilson added.

It was the first indication from the auto industry of the effect on new car prices of a third round of post-war wage boosts. However, Wilson's use of the word "immediate" appeared to leave the way open for price increases on new passenger car models, which most manufacturers planned to introduce before the end of the war.

The corporation gave the CIO United Auto Workers an immediate 11 cent an hour increase. It said this would add US\$75,000,000 to its payrolls. It brought the hourly wage rate average to about US\$1.61.

The General Motors formula calls for an adjustment of wages up or down every three months for two years in line with the cost of living.

Chrysler Corporation on Friday granted its employees a 13 cents wage increase to end a strike of 75,000 workers. Chrysler did not say whether it would increase prices as a result.

The Ford Motor Company also plans to talk wages with the Union soon.—Associated Press.

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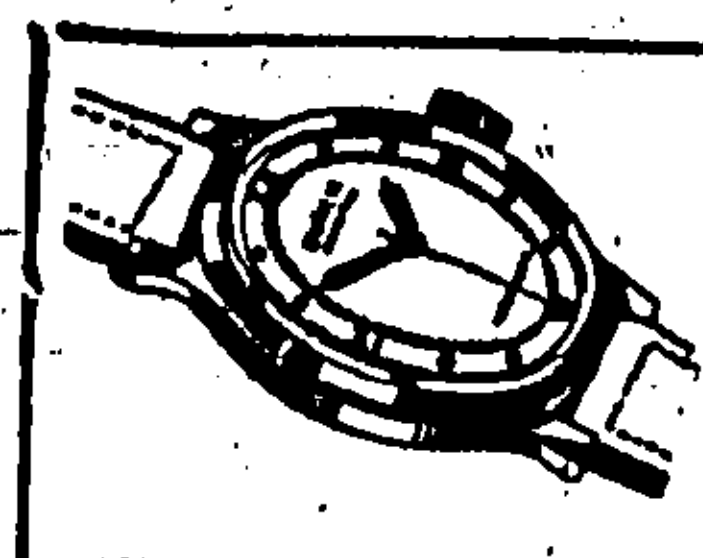
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Peanuts Mystify Doctors

Chungking, May 31. Psychologists may be able to solve the link between Yang Mei and her five peanuts. The young Chinese peasant girl who says she has not eaten food for nine years—a claim yet to be proven—always carries them with her. She does not eat the peanuts which are in their shells. But she refuses to be parted from them—and dislikes showing them. Today a successful attempt was made to get her to show her peanuts. At first she was frightened and with both hands clutched to her pocket where she keeps them. Her expression was one of utter fear—like a female animal protecting its young. Finally convinced that her peanuts would not be taken away from her, Yang Mei nervously took them out of her pocket. Chungking doctors are mystified over the connection with the girl and her peanuts. They offer no explanation. Dr. T. Y. Gan, of the Chungking Municipal Hospital said the girl had not eaten any food for 20 days he knows of. If there is any fake involved in this apparently remarkable case it would have to be cleverly executed. The hoax would involve prominent persons. It is still hard to believe that any girl could lead a normal life and neither eat nor drink—even for 20 days. "I am not hungry," the girl replied when asked why she did not eat.—Associated Press.

BEN HOGAN SECOND

Fort Worth, Texas, May 30. Clayton Heafner won the Colonial Invitational Golf tournament today with a 72 hole score of 272. He finished six strokes ahead of Ben Hogan and Stewart Alexander, who tied for second place.—Associated Press.

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London, May 30. One of the biggest Derby fields of all time will line up at Epsom on Saturday, June 5, in a bid to win Britain's richest Derby ever. This year's race, for which more than 30 horses may start, will be worth £13,000 to the winner.

Although this is about £1,000 less than the Grekwar of Baroda received when My Bobu won this year's Two Thousand Guineas, the richest prize in British turf history, it is several hundreds more than the previous Derby record sum won by Call Boy in 1927.

The biggest Derby field was in 1862 when Carnarctus beat 33 rivals and, more recently, 27 faced the starter in a wartime substitute Derby at Newmarket in 1945 when the race was won by Dante. This year, 36 accepted at the final stage, but there are sure to be some withdrawals before Derby day.

The size of the field over this tricky course will inevitably mean that some horses are going to meet with interference during the race, and that jockeys will have to exercise all their skill and patience.

One can visualize their anxiety at the start to get well off, the great competition to reach the top of the hill in a handy position, and their supreme determination to be well placed at the final acute bend into the straight, the famed Tattenham Corner. And when all these objects have been achieved, the horse has got to be good enough to resist all challenges up the home straight to take the world's most coveted turf prize.

Jockeyship Vital

Jockeyship is therefore, going to be a vital factor and luck for may play a more important part than usual in deciding the winner. At the same time, there is an old racing saying "the bigger the field, the bigger the certainty."

But is there a certainty? Nearly everyone at Newmarket, where the favourite, My Babu, is trained, believes that this Frenchbred colt will repeat his Guineas victory for the Grekwar of Baroda, and his jockey, Charlie Smirke, who rode Windsor Lad and Mahmoud to victory for two Indian princes, is said to be confident that he will score a third success.

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Belgian Tennis

Brussels, May 30. The Belgian lawn tennis championships began today on the courts of the Brussels Royal Leopold Club.

Only a few matches were played and the results were: Women's singles, first round—Madame Paquet (France) walk-over from Madame Bolz (Italy); Madame Kusmierz (Hungary) beat Madame Ruy (Belgium) 6-0, 6-0.

Men's singles, first round: M. Sello (Italy) beat Van de Wiele (Belgium) 6-0, 6-2, 6-3, 6-1; G. Caroll (Italy) beat R. Evenenko (Belgium) 6-1, 6-0, 6-2.

Men's singles, second round: D. Milic (Yugoslavia) beat J. Sellig (Belgium) 6-1, 6-4, 6-3, 6-1.—Reuter.

TENNIS LEAGUE FIXTURES

The following is the Tennis League programme for the week:

TODAY
Recreo v H.K.C.C.
L.R.C.

TOMORROW
Recreo v H.K.C.C.
L.R.C. v H.K.C.C.
S.C.A.A. v H.K.C.C.
University v U.S.R.C.
C.R.C. v C.R.C. "B"

THURSDAY
K.C.C. v I.R.C.
C.R.C. v S.C.A.A.
Recreo v H.K.C.C.
H.K.C.C. v C.R.C. "B"

FRIDAY
LAPINS DOUBLES
Recreo v H.K.C.C.

Bat Auctioned For Charity

London, May 30. A cricket bat autographed by the Australian team was auctioned for £65 at a concert organised by the Variety Artists Benevolent Fund and Institution at the Coliseum Theatre in London on Sunday night.

The money is to be given to the Lord Mayor's Appeal for Children.—Associated Press.

AUSSIES 195-1

Nottingham, May 31. The Australian tourists, continuing their first innings today against Nottinghamshire, whom they dismissed for 179 runs on Saturday, brought their total to 195 runs by lunch time, for the loss of one wicket.

The match was resumed to time as the pitch had been wholly covered over the week-end. The wicket played truly and although Butler used sawdust and a soft patch for a foothold, there was no pace in the turf and the Australians looked set for a good score.

Bradman and Brown took their time over playing themselves in against good length bowling by pace-men Jopson and Butler, but in the second innings, Bradman and Brown took 25 minutes over the dozen runs he wanted for his fifty.

Rain then stopped play for a while when the score was at 140 but the sun was shining brightly when lunch was taken.

Nottinghamshire 1st Innings 179.
AUSTRALIA—1ST INNINGS
Morris lb, b Jopson 10
Brown, not out 86
Bradman, not out 83
Extras 1

Total (for one) 195
—Reuter.

AMERICANS WIN FRENCH DOUBLES TITLE

Paris, May 30. Mrs. Pat Todd and Miss Doris Hart, of America, won the women's doubles title in the French lawn tennis championships which were continued at the Stade Roland Garros, here today. In the final they beat Miss Shirley Fry and Mrs. Mary Prentiss, also both of America, by 6/4, 6/2.

After a promising display in the first set, Miss Fry and Mrs. Prentiss were unable to match the skill and experience of Mrs. Todd and Miss Hart. The spectators were far fewer for today's doubles final than for yesterday's singles, but despite the threatening weather, there was an estimated crowd of 5,000.

Jaroslav Drobny, (Czechoslovakia), and Lennart Bergelin, (Sweden) won the men's doubles final by defeating Harry Hopman and Frank Sedgman (Australia) by 6-6, 6-1, 12-10.

Drobny and Bergelin were the superior combination in the men's doubles final, but the Australian pair put up a very gallant fight. Playing more aggressively, Hopman and Sedgman led 6-5 in the first set, but their opponents then took two love games to capture it. The Australians had great difficulty in trying to lob in the second set, and with Bergelin and Drobny smashing brilliantly, they only managed to win one game on Hopman's service.

There was a great struggle for the third set, and they were level ten all, but then Drobny and Bergelin broke Hopman's services and won the last game to love on Bergelin's service for the match.

Drobny Outstanding
Mrs. Pat Todd (United States) and Drobny (Czechoslovakia) won the mixed doubles title, beating Miss Hart (United States) and Frank Sedgman (Australia) 6-3, 3-6, 6-3 in the final.

The four players in the final of the mixed doubles showed signs of tiredness in what was the second final in one afternoon for each of them.

Miss Hart and Sedgman could never quite cope with the accurate smashes from Drobny, who was the outstanding player on the court.—Reuter.

Wartime Correspondence Publication Wanted
Chicago, May 30. The full contents of the wartime correspondence between Mr. Winston Churchill and the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt were demanded to be made public by the McCormick sheet, "Chicago Tribune" in an editorial today.

It quoted a statement in Mr. Churchill's "Memoirs" that Mr. Roosevelt entered into personal correspondence with him only 11 days after the outbreak of war in Europe in September, 1939, and "thus began that long and memorable correspondence—covering perhaps a thousand communications on each side, and lasting till his death more than five years later."

The Tribune continued: "Con- grats should set without delay to take into custody the Hyde Park documents and to disclose their contents. All of Mr. Churchill's letters should be found there and it is in the highest degree unlikely that the late President Roosevelt failed to keep complete and accurate records of the correspondence with Mr. Churchill."

49 NATIONS TO COMPETE IN OLYMPIC ATHLETICS

(By Vernon Morgan, Reuter's Sports Editor)

London, May 30. Of the 17 sports in the forthcoming Olympic Games in London, athletics is easily the most popular among the 58 competing nations. Already 49 nations have signified their intention of competing in these track and field events, and it is probable that runners and jumpers of five or six other nations will take part.

Athletics always have been the most popular of all Olympic sports and there have, from time to time, been suggestions to cut out all the other sports and confine the Olympiad to track and field events only.

The competing nations in the other events are: Boxing 40, swimming 38, cycling 34, shooting 32, wrestling and soccer 31, fencing 30, weightlifting 29, basketball 28, rowing and yachting 27, equestrian 26, gymnastics 24, hockey 18, canoeing 17 and modern pentathlon 16.

The closing date for acceptance is June 16, so there may yet be additional entries for the various events.

The first of the Olympic arrivals begin this weekend, with the South African rowers.

Although the Richmond Park camp does not open officially until July 9, the New Zealanders are being allowed to go there on their arrival on June 10.

One third of the competing nations will bring their own food. It is announced. Others are bringing some food to augment the special rations allowed by the Ministry of Food.

Meanwhile, food parcels for British athletes are coming in large numbers, particularly from Australia. All athletes considered as British possibilities are receiving them.

Bailey Eligible
The British Olympic athletics team will probably be announced on July 1, a few days after the amateur championships on July 2 and 3 which will form the basis of the final selections.

The women's team will be announced on July 4. Macdonald Bailey, the coloured Trinidad sprinter, will be eligible to run for Britain in the Olympic Games should he be selected. This was officially announced this week following suggestions that Bailey should run for Trinidad.

The Olympic Committee have asked that in future athletes of one country should not be asked to run for another if their own country is competing, but an exception has been made in the case of Bailey in view of the fact that he has been running for some time in Britain, and that it was now very late to alter the decision that he should run for Britain.

Bailey is confident that he will be 100 per cent fit when the Games come along in August. "I have just got to be," he said after one tryout in a grass track.

Bailey said this tryout gave him great satisfaction because he purposely gave his injured leg a real test at speed and, apart from a little stiffness next day, there was no trouble.

"That leads me to believe confidently that all is well," he said jubilantly.

Because he felt the time had not arrived for him to run "all out," he did not compete in London's big meeting at the White City on Whit Monday, but he has since stated that he will carry on getting fit and back to his best possible form.

Undeterred
Bailey is quite undeterred by the report from America that Mel Patton has covered the 100 yards in 9.3 seconds, which is a tenth of a second faster than the world record. Patton is Bailey's ideal and he carries his picture with him wherever he goes.

The history of the Olympic Games since their revival in 1896 has been written by Ernest Bland in a book entitled "The Olympic Story," published by Rockliffe, of Salisbury Square, London, at the price of 15/-.

This is an admirable work, which all those interested in the Olympic Games should possess. It is not only first class as a book of reference, containing the complete results and records of all Olympiads, but is sub-divided into individual sports to suit the tastes of all Olympic sportsmen. Even winter sports are not forgotten.

The book is profusely illustrated with more than 60 pictures and will assuredly find its place in all sporting libraries.—Reuter.

TENNIS FINALS TOMORROW

Weather permitting, the Open Doubles Final of the Colony Tennis Championships will be played tomorrow at 4.45 p.m. at the Hong Kong Cricket Club.

The title will be decided between Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yui-lam.

This match will be followed by the Club Singles Final between B. P. Jones and H. Segalen.

Prizes will be distributed at the conclusion of the games at an informal social party.

Barcelona, May 30. Spain beat Ireland by two goals to one in the fifth international soccer match between the two countries here today.

At half-time the score was one-all. The match was one of the most exciting of the season. Each country has now won two matches, while one has been drawn.—Reuter.

Curtis Cup Players Successful

St. Annes-on-Sea, Lancashire, May 31. United States women golfers had early successes when the first round matches of the British Women's amateur golf championships got under way here today.

The American Curtis Cup captain, Mrs. Glenna Collett Vare, of Philadelphia, beat Mrs. Noel Sabine, of Frinto, five and four in the first match of the tourney.

Curtis Cupper Miss Polly Riley, of River Grout Country Club, beat English Curtis Cupper Mrs. Val Redden, of Ireland, two up.

Miss Peggy Kirk, of Findlay Country Club, another member of the American Curtis Cup team, beat Mrs. Ruby P. Lancashire six and four.

Miss Grace Lenzky, of Indian Hill Country Club, also a Curtis Cupper, beat Mrs. A. H. Porter, of Gullane at the nineteenth hole.—United Press.

BASEBALL

New York, May 30. Today's Major League baseball results were:

AMERICAN LEAGUE
Cleveland Indians 2 8 1
Chicago White Sox 4 5 1
Indians: p. Feller, Killebrew, c. Tipton
White Sox: p. Moulder, Judson; c. Welch

Cleveland Indians (nightcap) 18 14 0
Chicago White Sox 5 8 1
Indians: p. Kennedy, Gettel, Gromek, Klemm, Lemon, Christopher; c. Higman, Bounden

White Sox: p. Gillespie, Caldwell, Goodwin, Harriet, Bradley; c. Tresh

Boston Red Sox 1 5 0
Washington Senators 3 10 0
Red Sox: p. Gabelman, Doran, E. Johnson, Stokes; c. Tibbels

Senators: p. Wynn; c. Evans

Detroit Tigers 8 15 1
St. Louis Browns 11 (indef.)

Tigers: p. Newhouse; c. Wagner

Browns: p. Garver, Dreisner, Blican; c. Brown

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Cincinnati Reds 5 8 1
Cincinnati Reds 6 6 1
Cubs: p. Schmitz; c. McCullough

Reds: p. Peterson, Gumbert; c. Lammano, Williams

Chicago Cubs (nightcap) 9 10 1
Cincinnati Reds 9 10 0
Cubs: p. Kueh, Chipman, Hammer; c. McCullough

Reds: p. Schmitz; c. Williams

Philadelphia Phillies 4 9 4
New York Giants 10 14 0
Phillies: p. Nahm, Hauser, Dickel; c. Padgett

Giants: p. Hartung; c. Westrum

St. Louis Cardinals 6 9 0
Pittsburgh Pirates 7 9 1
Cardinals: p. Hearn, Bailey; c. Garabola, Rice

Pirates: p. Singleton, Queen, Main, Lombardi; c. Fitzgerald

—United Press.

MEMORIAL DAY IN FRANCE

Paris, May 30. Tiny American flags fluttered over the graves of American war dead in France and Western Europe today, as Memorial Day was celebrated in ceremonies at the cemeteries and battlefields of the two world wars.

United States guards of honour and cemetery personnel assisted by local boy scouts and school-children placed flags on the graves early this morning.

French and American troops side by side fired salutes over the World War II graves while delegations of Americans made pilgrimages to the Chateau Thierry Belleau woods and other shrines of World War I.

In the Paris area, U.S. Ambassador Jefferson Caffery delivered tributes to the memory of American dead at Solers and Surmenes cemeteries.

Mr. Caffery asked the living to "draw inspiration from their heroic example" to make it possible "that the kind of democracy which assures all men equal opportunity and freedom think and act as they will without fear."

Special memorial services were held this morning in the church of the Holy Trinity, American Veterans Organizations participated in a wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier in Paris.

Delegations of Hawaiian and Philippine veterans laid specially imported wreaths on the Tomb.—United Press.

Bradman Started Controversy

London, May 30. Don Bradman, the world's greatest batsman, started a controversy by advocating in a speech at Lords a change in the long-bore wicket rule to make it apply to the ball turning from leg as well as from the off.

Under the present rule a batsman is out only if the ball strikes his pads directly in front of the wicket.

Bradman now wants the rule to apply to the off-break which, in the opinion of the umpire, would have struck the wicket irrespective of the point of obstruction.

Walter Hammond, a prolific scorer in his time, agrees that something should be done to help the long-suffering bowlers, but suggests less perfect wickets.

Allen's Suggestion
Frank Chester, umpire, agrees with Bradman's suggestion, even if it does mean a little more work for the umpire. "But I wonder why Bradman waited until his last season in first-class cricket to make the suggestion," remarked Chester.

G. O. Allen, former England captain and fast bowler, urges that something should be done to even things up for the bowler, but does not advocate any immediate rule change. He thinks the ball should have a stronger seam to help the bowler make it do more work.

England's cricket selectors have apparently decided to play safe in selecting a team to meet Australia in the first Test beginning at Nottingham on June 10. The Test trial, beginning at Edgbaston on June 2, consists mainly the "old guard."

Charles Palmer, the Worcester-shire school-master, who "caned" the Australian bowlers in the opening match of the tour, gets his chance at the age of 20.

Victor Broderick, the Northants left-arm spin bowler, and Geoffrey Evans, both 27, are the youngest members of either team. The average age of the England side is approximately 32½, while the Rest team averages just over 35.

The appointment of Freddie Brown, the Surrey all-rounder, at 37, as captain of the Rest is a most surprising move, and is probably an indication of the death of good amateur captains.

Brown, who toured Australia way back in 1932, has played very little cricket since the war.

Batsman's Match
With Norman Yardley, England's probable captain, also easily out of form, the claims of Bill Edrich are again being advanced.

Judging from the number of batsmen chosen the selectors have apparently resigned the view that the first Test, on Nottingham's "batman's paradise" of a wicket, will be a batsman's match.

They have cast their net wide for men who will have to face the "thunderbolts" of Lindwall and Miller. There are three opening batsmen—Barnett, Hutcheon and Washbrook—in the England side, and four—Fletcher, Fagg, Robertson and Emmett—in the Rest Team.—Reuter.

Doctors Found No Injury

A bride of 20 days by the name of Kwok Hong-in, aged about 20 years, had the doctors at the Queen Mary Hospital puzzled yesterday when she arrived there in an unconscious condition in an ambulance.

According to a Police report, Kwok fell off the balcony of the verandah of the first floor of 240 Queen's Road West whilst taking in some clothing at 6.50 p.m. She was unconscious when picked up by the other inmates and rushed to the hospital.

Soon after admission she recovered consciousness. A thorough examination failed to reveal any injuries, and she was accordingly permitted to return home.

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